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Sunrise: 5.45 am
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Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 36°C 97°F
Ahmed: 35°C 95°F
Fahaka: 34°C 94°F
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 37°C 99°F
Ahmed: 36°C 97°F
Fahaka: 35°C 95°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 48 per cent
Ahmed: 74 per cent
Fahaka: 85 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 55 per cent
Ahmed: 79 per cent
Fahaka: 85 per cent

Filipinas deported

CAIRO, Oct 9, (Reuters): Egyptian police have arrested 10 Filipinas and deported another 20 for working as maids without the correct papers, a Philippines embassy official said today.
He told reporters the 10 in detention would also be sent home once money had been raised for their tickets.
"The Manila government has now instructed (employment) agencies not to allow any girls to be employed by Egyptians unless they obtain legal working permits," the official said.

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Shock and regret expressed at BP move Kuwait vows to protect foreign investments

KUWAIT, Oct 9, (Agencies): Kuwait today expressed shock and regret at Britain's decision to more than halve its stake in the oil giant British Petroleum and vowed to protect its foreign investments.

The spokesman, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid told reporters after a cabinet meeting Kuwait had decided "to do what is necessary to protect its economic interests in Britain."

Largest

He did not elaborate, but diplomatic and banking sources said Kuwait was more likely to seek ways to sell its shares at a profit than challenge the ruling in court.

Britain last Tuesday gave Kuwait one year to slash its BP stake to 9.9 per cent from 21.6 per cent after a Monopolies and

Mergers Commission inquiry found a potential conflict of interest.

Kuwait, one of the world's largest investors, is a major oil producer and member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"Kuwait expresses its extreme regret and astonishment at the British government's decision," Rashid said in the first official Kuwaiti response.

"Kuwait has studied all appropriate measures to ... protect its economic interests and preserve its investments abroad."

The ruling has strained normally close relations between Britain and Kuwait and triggered calls in the Kuwaiti press for a sweeping review of investment strategy, including withdrawal of funds from Britain.

But the bankers and diplomats predicted Kuwait would adopt a low-key response to which the

main concern would be to maximise profit.

"What Kuwait is most interested in doing is not losing money," said one diplomat.

Although the ruling can be appealed, banking sources said Kuwait would have more to gain from behind-the-scenes talks to sell the stake, worth some three billion pounds sterling (\$5 billion).

The sources said Kuwait may seek to extend the sell-off period to as long as five years to enable it to divest at a profit.

Divestment

A Department of Trade and Industry official has already said the 12-month divestment timetable was flexible and market conditions would be taken into account.

Kuwait has foreign reserves worth around \$80 billion, mostly in foreign stocks, bonds and real estate, Kuwait Investment Office

(KIO), the London-based investment arm, holds British equity worth some \$16 billion.

KIO built up the stake cheaply after last year's world stock market crash jeopardised a government plan to sell shares in the firm, Britain's largest.

A Kuwaiti newspaper recovered attacks on Britain today, calling the decision a "policy tactic."

"Britain has proved that it plays a double game against Gulf Arab interests," the newspaper said. "This duplicity in dealing in a free market aims to instil fear and panic and put an end to Arab investment in Britain. It is a policy tactic practised by a government that claims it is for free market policies."

Officials say the KIO and its Kuwait-based parent, the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), are now likely to keep a

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Benazir praises military

KARACHI, Oct 9, (Reuters): Benazir Bhutto praised Pakistan's military and judiciary today for strengthening democracy after the death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

In her first public appearance since the birth of her first child on Sept 21, Pakistan's most prominent opposition politician told a news conference there were signs of a new spirit in the country.

Benazir cited statements by the Army that the democratic process should take its course and a Supreme Court decision last week that next month's elections should be party-based.

"Democracy can only flourish when the institutions are strong enough to safeguard it and the latest decisions are indications in that direction," she said.

Coalition

Benazir, 35, whose Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has become a favourite for the elections following Zia's death in a plane crash on Aug 17, was speaking at her new seaside home in the smart Karachi suburb of Clifton.

She said the PPP would seek to form a coalition government with its eight smaller partners in the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) alliance, which fought Zia during his 11-year rule.

The alliance is seeking to negotiate a seat-sharing pact for the polls for the 237-seat National Assembly on Nov 16 and the four provincial assemblies on Nov 19.

Benazir said that if an electoral pact proved impossible, the PPP, which dominates the alliance, would unilaterally avoid contesting seats where other MRD party leaders were standing.

Stamp prices

CAIRO, Oct 9, (Reuters): Egypt today increased the price of stamps by 66 per cent.

Discovery back in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 9, (AP): Shuttle Discovery arrived home atop a jumbo jet, five days after completing America's first manned space mission since the Challenger tragedy.

A modified Boeing 747 jet, the shuttle bolted to its back, touched down yesterday evening as darkness descended on the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. The return flight began yesterday morning at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Thousands of spectators turned out to applaud the return, lining roads and river banks and creating traffic jams at the space centre.

"It was a fitting finish to a super mission," said Nancy Lovato of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"It was the prettiest take-off from (Edwards) that I've ever seen. And I've seen them all. It was as graceful as the landing."

Last Monday, Discovery and its five-man crew landed on the Mojave desert at Edwards, four days after its launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

At the Florida launch site, technicians planned to remove the shuttle from its carrier plane overnight and tow it to a processing facility to prepare it for its next flight.

Officials reported that Discovery returned from space in such good shape that little refurbishment work will be needed. NASA technicians have already replaced damaged heat-shield tiles.

Military vows tougher measures to halt rioting as violence spreads in Algeria

ALGIERS, Oct 9, (Agencies): The Algerian military today vowed tougher measures to suppress rioting, but new clashes erupted in unrest that hospital sources and diplomats said had taken at least 50 lives.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll in five days of street battle at more than 300.

Information compiled from hospital and police sources in various parts of the country, each source providing fragmentary information, indicated at least 200 killed and several hundred people injured. It seemed likely the actual death toll was higher.

Doctors in several major hospitals have become more willing to report the scope of the casualties, but only when guaranteed anonymity.

Although a communique from the military command set up to halt the violence warned against new disturbances, travellers reported fresh clashes with young people in Tiarret, 250 km (150 miles) southwest of the capital.

Damage

The travellers said the violence, which followed the initial riots in Algiers and Oran, caused considerable damage to government property. Residents, contacted by telephone, said security forces sent to the town had violent clashes with rioters this morning.

In Oran, Algeria's second largest city, residents reported gunfire and explosions today and sources at the main hospital said it had taken in 18 dead and 100 wounded since the protests began there on Friday.

The death toll rose in Algiers, where troops opened fire last night to disperse hundreds of youths and Islamic militants defying a curfew, residents and hospital sources said.

Sunday editions of all newspapers carried a communique from the military command that said conditions were returning to normal but promising tougher law enforcement.

"The military command charged with restoring law and order intends to intensify its efforts further in order to restore to the shortest possible time normality in all state-run institutions, in all educational, social and professional fields," the communique said.

Curfew

The statement warned that all emergency measures, such as a nightly 10 pm to 7 am curfew, remained in force and must be respected.

The government has admitted the riots, over austerity measures and food shortages, spread beyond Algeria's two main cities. But it has given no casualty figures, with officials saying only there were casualties among both security forces and civilians.

In the western town of Mascara, residents said four people were killed and 10 wounded in clashes yesterday.

Algerians were calm during the day today but a hospital worker said in Belcourt, one of the poor areas most devastated by the riots, that 17 bodies had been taken to Mustapha civil hospital today after a night of heavy gunfire.

Witnesses reported seeing bodies dragged through the streets of the capital's poorer districts.

A girl with pigtails, who chased journalists in the rubble-strewn streets of Belcourt, shouted: "They killed a 13-year-old here. You must write about this."

Defying

Diplomats said up to 15 bodies were taken to hospitals after troops fired on protesters defying a curfew last night in Belcourt and the poorer districts of Bab El Oued, one of the most densely populated areas of the capital.

Diplomats also said one hospital alone reported receiving up to 20 bodies after protesters surged into the streets from Friday prayers in the mosques, which have been a centre of dissent.

A young Algerian man, who lives near the devastated May 1 Square in central Algiers, a focal point for rioters, said two people had been shot in the area last night.

Soldiers, some with tanks, guarded state buildings, hospitals and the remaining food outlets, where hundreds of Algerians waited to buy staple foods.

Protests

Most of the protests have been aimed at government-owned shops and offices, especially buildings associated with the National Liberation Front, which has ruled Algeria as a one-party state since independence from France in 1962.

Diplomats blame rising prices and widespread unemployment among youths — 57 per cent of Algeria's 24 million inhabitants are under 21.

Interior Minister El Hadi Khediri, in the first broadcast by a government official since the disturbances began, told Algerians last night to ask themselves: "Is wrecking schools and houses and shops the answer to our problems?"

38 die in bus crash

NEW DELHI, Oct 9, (Reuters): A bus ran off the road into a pond today in India's northeastern Assam state, killing at least 38 people, the United News of India news agency said.

About 16 people were badly hurt in the accident near the town of Gauhati.

Sudan, Iraq try to patch up diplomatic row

BAGHDAD, Oct 9, (Reuters): The defence ministers of Sudan and Iraq held talks today on ways to improve relations which came under severe strain earlier this year.

Sudan's General Abdul-Maged Hamed Khalil told Iraq's General Adnan Kheirullah that Khartoum wanted to create a sound basis for boosting co-operation with Baghdad, the INA reported.

It also said he thanked Iraq for sending relief supplies to Sudan after devastating floods hit Khartoum and surrounding areas in August.

Khalil is the first top-level Sudanese official to visit Baghdad since Sudan blamed an Iraqi diplomat for the murder of Iraqi dissident leader Mahdi Al Hakim in Khartoum in January. Iraq denied the accusation, which it said was fabricated by pro-Iranian circles, and withdrew its ambassador.

Fifth channel

LONDON, Oct 9, (AP): The British Broadcasting Corp. announced today it will set up a fifth national radio channel in 1990 to transmit all its sports and educational programmes.

DAY BY DAY

AN ARAB journalist by profession, but a mercenary by practice was fined a very large amount of money by a court in a foreign country for gross unprofessional reporting.

Unexplicably, the fine was paid by some Arab officials on behalf of the accused.

The payment of this fine by Arabs themselves was resented by another Arab journalist who informed the Arab officials that he found it utterly unbelievable that Arabs themselves should have bailed out this Arab blackmailer.

He added that in all his many years of diligent and precise reporting he had received no appreciation, leave aside assistance.

Indeed, sometimes truth is stranger than fiction and an act such as the one attributed to the Arab officials is among one of the strange and amazing deeds of officials in the Arab world.

Do these officials want a blackmailed media? Do they want factual, truthful and precise reporting? What do they really want?

Zahed Matar

The space shuttle Discovery, bolted to the back of a 747 Jumbo jet, lands at Kennedy Space Centre, Florida. (Reuters wirephoto)

10 hurt during general strike

Israeli troops sweep W. Bank villages

KUFR NA'MEH, West Bank, Oct 9, (Reuters): Israeli troops swept through 30 West Bank villages today, wounding at least 10 Palestinians during a general strike to launch the 11th month of an Arab uprising against occupation.

Palestinian shops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip closed, public transport halted and workers stayed away from jobs in Israel on orders from underground leaders of the uprising, backed by the PLO.

The Army said troops were sent into the villages to seize "subversive material" and force residents to remove banned Palestinian flags and erase nationalist slogans.

Hospitals reported that soldiers firing live or plastic bullets shot and wounded at least 10 West Bank Palestinians, including three in Kufir Na'meh village near Ramallah.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin reaffirmed last night he had ordered the Army to wound Palestinian rioters to deter violent demonstrations.

Army chief Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, responding to the killings of collaborators, told Israel Radio: "We will catch the murderers. I have no doubt. We'll punish such murderers harshly, and we will also provide security."

Security officials said the

Army searches were timed to coincide with the strike when residents would remain at home. In Kufir Na'meh, villagers said troops arrived at 5 am, but demonstrators held them off with roadblocks and burning tyres long enough for young male residents to flee.

Shouting through a megaphone in Arabic, soldiers ordered residents to erase slogans from street walls as they searched houses.

Villagers said the operation ended quickly. Residents hurled stones and troops fired plastic bullets to disperse the demonstrators.

Hospitals said four were

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Uganda sacks its envoy to France

KAMPALA, Oct 9, (UPI): The Ugandan government sacked its Ambassador to France, Princess Elizabeth Bagaya — who dictator Idi Amin once accused of making love in Paris airport toilet — Kampala's New Vision paper said.

In its weekend edition, the paper quoted Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Tarsis Kabwegyere as saying the conduct of the former actress and fashion model had "become too undiplomatic and unsatisfactory for her to represent the country."

"This conduct could result in embarrassment to the government," he said without spelling out the exact reason for cancelling the appointment of the British-trained barrister.

Accused
Bagaya, the daughter of the last traditional ruler of Uganda's kingdom of Toro, Sir George Rukidi III, was briefly foreign minister in Idi Amin's government in the early 1970's.

But she resigned after Amin publicly accused her of making love to an unnamed European in a toilet at Orly Airport in Paris. Amin later published an alleged nude photograph of Bagaya in Kampala newspapers and accused her of "selling herself."

But close relatives in Nairobi said at the time the badly reproduced photograph was not of Bagaya.

Bagaya was appointed Uganda's ambassador to Washington after President Yoweri Museveni took power two years ago and was transferred to Paris earlier this year.

Growing unrest in Yugoslavia

Titograd bans protest rallies

BELGRADE, Oct 9, (Reuters): Police in the south Yugoslav Republic of Montenegro said today they had banned all protest rallies in the regional capital Titograd after clashes yesterday between paramilitary police and demonstrators.

A police headquarters spokesman told Reuters by telephone the ban applied only to Titograd and not to the entire Montenegrin republic. "The ban will remain in force until the situation calms down," he said.

Belgrade Radio at the same time said a major protest rally planned for today in Kosovo province had been cancelled following a statement by regional leaders yesterday expressing concern that tension was rising in the province.

Persecution

The rally, at Mitrovica, had been expected to draw thousands of Serbs and Montenegrins in a continuation of their protests against alleged persecution of Slavs by the province's 1.7 million ethnic Albanian majority.

The Montenegro protest ban was announced by police despite a right to public assembly and free speech that is enshrined in the Yugoslav constitution.

Yugoslavia has been swept by growing unrest and protests against alleged ethnic discrimination and economic hardship in

recent months but the two issues have now merged into a broad assault on the communist nation's political establishment.

Paramilitary forces yesterday clashed and tear gassed protesters in Montenegro in the first use of force since protests began in June. After the clashes, federal authorities said they supported the police action.

Angry

It was the second major challenge to Yugoslavia's communist leaders in the past four days. In an unprecedented move, a demonstration by an angry crowd on Thursday toppled regional communist leaders in Novi Sad, capital of Vojvodina province.

Prime Minister Branko Milutinovic, in an apparent bid to cool the growing unrest, said in a last night television interview that the government will allow pay rises in successful firms and take some steps to depress soaring prices of basic foodstuffs.

But he said there would be no retreat from economic austerity measures drawn up with Western creditors.

A Reuters correspondent in Montenegro reported that Titograd was quiet this morning, but hundreds of students declared a hunger strike at Titograd University and paramilitary police were on alert around the republic.

Dukakis rejects accusation by Bush

LEWISTON, Maine, Oct 9, (Reuters): Democratic presidential contender Michael Dukakis made an emotional defence yesterday of his record on justice and accused rival George Bush of "playing politics with the tragedy of crime."

Dukakis rejected Bush's attempts to portray him as a liberal who is soft on criminals and insensitive to their victims and said both his father and brother had been victims of violent crime.

The Massachusetts governor, with his 85-year-old mother Euterpe on stage, told a university audience his brother Stelian was killed by a hit-and-run driver and his father Panos had once been robbed, tied-up and stranded in his office.

"I don't need any lectures from Mr Bush on crime-fighting or on the sensitivity or compassion we must extend to the victims of crime," Dukakis said to the cheers of several thousand people attending his address.

Shameless

"Let's look at the facts and stop this shameless playing of politics with the tragedy of crime," he said in the address at Bates College, where his mother, father and brother were students.

Vice-President Bush, the Republican candidate, has repeatedly challenged Dukakis' record on crime — singling out a Massachusetts furlough programme which gives weekend passes to some convicts.

Dukakis said Bush's attacks were a bid to deflect criticism of Republican vice-presidential nominee Dan Quayle.

Reports that Bush was cooling toward his running-mate surfaced after Quayle was perceived to have done poorly in a debate last Wednesday with his Democratic counterpart, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Concept

Bush yesterday lashed out at the media for suggesting that he is backing away from Quayle.

"This concept that I see in some of these reports that I am not supportive of Dan Quayle are absolutely ludicrous," Bush told reporters outside his Washington home.

"He did well in that debate, he has my full support and he is getting strong support since the debate and before around this country," a clearly irritated Bush said.

Two shot dead

GELA, Sicily, Oct 9, (Reuters): A bar owner and a farm hand were shot dead in the southern Sicilian port of Gela at the weekend in violence between Mafia gangs fighting over control of drugs traffic, police said.



The night sky of London is lit by a spectacular display of lights, lasers and fireworks, put on by the French rock star Jarre. (Reuters wirephoto)

Computerized sound and light extravaganza

Composer Jarre dazzles London crowd

LONDON, Oct 9, (UPI): French high-tech composer Jean-Michel Jarre, using lasers, searchlights and fireworks, lit up the cloudy skies of London yesterday and dazzled a crowd of officials estimated at 100,000 people with a light-and-sound show.

After several last-minute delays over whether he would be allowed to hold the performance, the \$16 million computerized sound-and-light extravaganza came off without any major hitches.

Jarre said afterwards he was "delighted" with the results and that it had been worth all the effort.

Authorities had closed the River Thames in London to all weekend commercial traffic for the show, staged from a fleet of 12 barges tethered together in the middle of the river east of the

Tower of London in the city's Docklands neighbourhood. In London, Diana, Princess of Wales, will be the star guest at today's performance, officials said. Organizers of the concert said they had sold all 100,000 tickets for two evening concerts, yesterday and today.

Concert

Jarre, 41, who drew a record crowd for an outdoor concert of about 1.2 million people in Houston, Texas, has already attracted big audiences in China, Paris and Lyon.

Although the London show, "Destination Docklands," will be smaller than the Texas concert, Jarre said he planned to dazzle the area of derelict cranes and disused sheds alongside new high-rise waterfront buildings with an effusion of lasers, fireworks and electronic music.

Pope raps Europe's moral decline

STRASBOURG, France, Oct 9, (Reuters): Pope John Paul launched a ringing attack on moral decline and the pursuit of material wealth in Europe today, saying the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church had been rejected in the name of liberty.

He told 40,000 people at a mass in Strasbourg on the second day of his tour of eastern France: "In Europe, a Christian continent, the sense of morality is weakening. The very word (biblical) 'commandment' is often rejected. In the name of liberty, the rules are rejected, the moral teaching of the church is ignored."

The Pontiff said modern man in Europe "has great wealth — unjustly divided it is true — but

more abundant than many of his brothers in the world."

"He clings to it, he expends much of his strength to increase it. He also has sensual riches and too often turns away from God and from his neighbour, to satisfy the desires which imprison him."

Handicapped
"He has the wealth of knowledge and thinks he possesses the truth but he remains deaf to the wisdom of God."

The Pontiff has frequently drawn a contrast during his trip so far between the deep Christian traditions of Europe, which he says should unite the continent, and the temptations of material prosperity.

"Man has the riches of his power, but he dominates and dis-

dains his fellow men instead of being at their service like Christ, the servant," he said in his homily.

The Pope celebrated the mass from a white stage decorated with flowers in the yellow papal colours and backed by a huge simple wood cross.

Earlier the Pope visited a school for deaf and dumb and blind children where he said handicapped people often had a greater appreciation of God's gifts. The healthy were blinded by a materialist society.

"You often show a radiant love, evoked by the healthy," he told the children.

The Pope kissed many of the 200 pupils at the school and said: "Perhaps some of you have not seen me or heard me, but you have felt my presence. A kiss is very important in establishing a contact."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thatcher ahead

LONDON, Oct 9, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party goes into its annual conference this week holding a five-point lead over the opposition Labour Party, a poll showed today.

The Marplan Survey, published in the Sunday Express newspaper, also rated Mrs Thatcher 44 points ahead of Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock as the person most trusted to run Britain.

The poll said that of 834 adults interviewed on Friday in 50 voting constituencies, 45 per cent supported the Conservatives, who have ruled Britain since 1979. The Socialist Labour Party, which ended its own conference on Friday, garnered 40 per cent support.

Cries for help

TACOMA, Washington, Oct 9, (UPI): Fire-fighters had to dismantle a chimney brick-by-brick to free a man who tried to enter his home after locking himself out, officials said.

Leroy Townsend's cries for help after he became wedged in the 18-inch (45-cm) opening on Friday were heard by neighbours, who called firefighters for help.

Townsend was treated for minor injuries when he was freed an hour after fire-fighters arrived, a Tacoma fire department said.

Blood transfusion

TOKYO, Oct 9, (Reuters): Court doctors gave ailing Emperor Hirohito another blood transfusion today to help the 87-year-old monarch in his fight for life, a palace spokesman said.

Spokesman Kenji Maeda told reporters Hirohito was in stable condition and showed no outward signs of internal bleeding.

"His majesty's condition has not changed. But the court medical team has not determined that the internal bleeding has stopped," said Maeda, an official of the Imperial Household Agency acting as palace spokesman.

He said the transfusion of 20 cc (about half a pint) of blood was administered to fight the emperor's anaemia and did not cause any drastic change in temperature or other vital signs.

Border talks

KHARTOUM, Oct 9, (Reuters): Officials from Chad opened talks in Sudan today on border problems between the two countries, including infiltration by armed men into Sudan's Darfur region, state Radio Omdurman reported.

Western diplomats said the presence of about 2,000 followers of a Chad opposition leader, Sheikh Ibn Omer, in Darfur was still a major cause of friction.

Sudan says almost all of them have been disarmed and do not pose a threat to anyone, but the diplomats said Chad was not convinced of this.

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Blast aboard Pakistani bus injures 22

RAWALPINDI, Oct 9, (AP): A bomb hidden in a bag of fruit and bread exploded aboard an inter-city bus, injuring 22 passengers, three of them critically, Pakistani authorities said today.

Police said the explosion occurred late last night as the bus was about to leave for the Punjab city of Sialkot from Rawalpindi's general bus stand.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but Pakistan has blamed scores of terrorist bombings over the past two years on agents of Afghanistan's communist government.

Witnesses said the saboteur hid the bomb in a bag of fruit and bread which he placed at the front of the bus and then stepped out, saying he was going for tea, according to police. The bomb weighed about three kilograms, they said.

The official news agency APP said three of the injured were in critical condition. Police did not know how many people were aboard the bus at the time of the explosion.

Khartoum to hold talks with rebels

KHARTOUM, Oct 9, (UPI): A delegation of Sudan's co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party is scheduled to hold talks next week with rebels of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army in a bid to end five years of civil strife, Khartoum's Al Ayam daily said today.

The paper said the DUP delegation, led by former Foreign Minister Mohamed Tawfiq would leave for the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa Wednesday to meet SPLA leaders.

The meeting is expected to precede a new round of talks between Sudanese Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi and SPLA leader John Garang in the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

The two announced last week they had agreed to talk at a date to be fixed, three years after their last, abortive meeting in Addis Ababa.

Based in the predominantly Christian and animist south of the country, the SPLA has been fighting for five years against troops loyal to the Khartoum government which draws most of its support from the Islamic North.

One killed as violence flares in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Oct 9, (AP): One person was killed and 40 others injured during political clashes in southeastern Chittagong district, newspapers and police reported today.

A supporter of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami was killed on Saturday and several others injured during fighting in the villages of Barbakunda, Sitakunda and Kumuria, district police said. Chittagong is 216 km (135 miles) southeast of here.

While police refused to describe the violence, the independent Bengali newspaper Sangram said workers of leftist Bangladesh National Socialist Party stopped buses on a major highway and dragged passengers and beat them up.

Mufizul Islam, a worker of Jamaat-e-Islami, was shot to death by Nationalist Party supporters, the newspaper reported, adding that the Nationalist Party workers dragged out those passengers who had beards and were wearing caps — the signs of

devotion to Islam. "High police officials are conducting an inquiry into the matter," the unidentified police spokesman said.

The apparent attack came three months after the government made Islam the official state religion of pre-dominantly Muslim Bangladesh. Religious instruction is now compulsory in schools.

One of the severely beaten was Nur Mohammad Nizami, principal of Barbakunda religious school, the newspaper said. He was listed in critical condition in Chittagong Medical College Hospital, it said.

Six other people admitted to the hospital were also in critical condition, according to a physician who spoke by telephone to the Associated Press. "We are trying our best to save their lives," the doctor said.

Jamaat-e-Islami, a group which opposed the liberalisation of Bangladesh, is coming under increasing attack by opposition

leader Sheikh Hasina's Awami League, which piloted the liberation war.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh has set up a national disaster prevention council under President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to advise the government how to minimise loss of life and property in floods and other calamities.

Floods last month, the worst on record, killed at least 3,000 people and left tens of millions homeless in Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries.

Ershad told survivors in Gaibandha district on Friday the country must be ready to face more floods until a permanent solution was found. He hoped other countries, including Bangladesh's giant neighbour India, would help evolve a joint strategy against the annual inundation.

The floods, which often sweep the whole of the South Asian region, are blamed by some experts on tree-felling in the Himalayan foothills and lack of an infrastructure to hold back waters from melting snow.

Pakistanis join Afghan rebels, claims Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Oct 9, (Reuters): The Soviet-backed Afghan government has accused Pakistan of sending 500 militiamen across the border to help anti-communist rebels.

The official Bakhtar news agency said today the irregulars crossed into Zahir province on Oct 1 and had gone to a guerrilla stronghold in mountains east of Kandahar.

The militiamen, armed with modern weapons, were planning to take part in operations against government military posts and garrisons in the province, it said.

The report, monitored in Islamabad, gave no further details of the alleged operation. It said a protest was delivered to Pakistan's charge d'affaires in Kabul on Saturday.

Pakistan has denied Soviet and Afghan government charges that its armed forces were actively helping the Western-supplied rebels in violation of last April's Geneva accords.

A Pakistani official said the latest charge seemed to be aimed at distracting attention from

alleged Afghan air raids on Pakistani territory over the past few weeks.

Despite the official denials, informed sources in Pakistan say at least 150 Pakistani Army officers have been inside Afghanistan, helping the mujahedeen with technical training and tactical advice.

Bakhtar also accused the Pakistani government of forging Afghan banknotes to sabotage the war-ravaged economy, saying a large cache of fake notes had been found in Kabul province.

One person was killed and six wounded in a rocket attack on Kabul today by rebels fighting the Afghan government, the official Soviet news agency Tass said.

It reported another person was killed and two wounded on Saturday when six rockets were fired at the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

Tass, quoting what it said was provisional information, said the three rockets, in today's attack, were fired from the suburbs of the Afghan capital. It did not give any other details.

Exercise at Indian nuclear power plant causes panic

BOMBAY, Oct 9, (AP): An exercise at India's oldest operating nuclear power plant was mistaken for a real disaster by thousands of people who locked their doors and fled in panic, officials said.

At least 25,000 people living near the Tarapur atomic power plant fled after authorities declared a mock emergency yesterday, in order to check evacuation procedures within a 16-kilometre radius of the plant, officials said.

The Tarapur plant, constructed in 1969, is located 120 kilometres north of Bombay.

G.B. Pingalkar, the top government official in the area, said the people locked their homes and fled despite announcements beforehand that the emergency was not real.

"People came to me asking if the plant was leaking," Pingalkar said. "I was surprised."

The panic spread also to industries in Tarapur town and many factories closed down due to absenteeism.

300 students detained Colombo braces for nationwide protests

COLOMBO, Oct 9, (UPI): Political violence claimed at least two lives today as the government braced for nationwide protests called by Sinhalese extremists, deploying in several universities Army troops who arrested more than 300 students, security sources said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, the ruling United National Party's presidential candidate, said that if elected, he will ensure the withdrawal of Indian troops deployed under a 1987 Indian-backed plan to end the island's civil war.

Premadasa, President Junius Jayewardene's hand-picked nominee for presidential polls expected in December, reiterated before 12,000 people at a party conference his opposition to the plan, which grants limited autonomy to the ethnic Tamil minority.

Accord

"The timing of the accord was inopportune in my view," said Premadasa, who has consistently refused to back the plan.

The accord has so far failed, stirring widespread anger against Jayewardene among majority Sinhalese. Jayewardene declined to seek re-election and tapped Premadasa, apparently hoping the prime minister's opposition to the plan would brighten the ruling party's chances of retaining its 10-year lock on the presidency.

Demands

The plan was intended to satisfy Tamil demands for independence and was accepted by four of five Tamil guerrilla groups. But it was rejected by the most powerful group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). India last year deployed tens of thousands of troops to disarm the LTTE and has lost more than 500 men in combat with the rebels, whose casualties are unknown.

Many Sinhalese object to continued Indian military intervention and view limited autonomy for Tamil areas as tantamount to partition of the island.

Sinhalese extremists of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — or Peoples Liberation Front — have killed more than

450 officials and ruling party members in a drive to topple Jayewardene for signing the accord.

Police said the JVP was suspected in the slayings of two ruling party officials who were shot to death in Pitigala, 60 miles (100 km) south of Colombo, as they travelled to hear Premadasa speak.

The JVP, composed predominantly of disaffected students, last week called for tomorrow a nationwide protest strike against the Indo-Sri Lankan accord. The government has ordered transportation services, shops and industries to defy the JVP.

Deployed

While Premadasa was speaking, troops deployed in several universities in the Sinhalese-dominated south arrested more than 300 students, security sources said. They said the students were suspected of planning acts of violence for tomorrow's strike.

The government, which said it feared widespread "violence and terror" during the strike, also ordered the closure tomorrow of all secondary schools, hotbeds of JVP support.

In another development, India released from two southern prisons today 157 LTTE members who had been held under national security laws, and flew them to Jaffna in northern Sri Lanka.

Indian High Commissioner J.N. Dixit said the group, which included former LTTE Jaffna commander Sathasivam Krishnakumar, would remain in Indian custody at the Palali air base.

The rebels were arrested last month in southern India after the LTTE refused to respond to a 10-day unilateral ceasefire called by New Delhi to induce the group to negotiate.

Retracing route

LAVRION, Greece, Oct 9, (Reuters): A papyrus replica of an ancient boat that plied the Mediterranean's trade routes 8,000 years ago set off today from this port near Athens on a voyage to the Aegean island of Milos.

Latvian Popular Front set to adopt charter at congress

MOSCOW, Oct 9, (Reuters): The founding congress of the Latvian Popular Front was due to wind up today with the adoption of a charter expected to set out demands in the Soviet Baltic republic for greater autonomy from Moscow.

The two-day Congress appeared to be modelled on a similar founding meeting last weekend of the Popular Front Movement in the neighbouring republic of Estonia, which called for a reduction of Moscow's control and challenged Communist Party domination.

Latvian journalists attending the Congress in the capital, Riga, said yesterday the 1,100 delegates had elected commissions to study a number of issues including the right of the formerly independent republic of economic autonomy.

They said the Congress had also considered proposals to field Popular Front candidates at state elections and to give Latvian authorities the right to veto Soviet legislation directly affecting the republic.

Soviet television yesterday reported that the Congress was taking place. It did not mention the autonomy issue, but said the meeting represented about 130,000 front members.

It said the meeting was examining three main proposals: On ways of fighting bureaucracy, turning Latvia into a "state based on law," and implementing decisions of the June Communist Party conference.

All three proposals were in line with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's declared policy of channeling more executive power from the party to government bodies and of encouraging more decision-making at republican, regional and local levels.

The television said the Congress had been addressed by Latvia's newly appointed Communist Party chief Jan Vigris, but gave no details of his speech. Vigris was moved to the party leadership last week from the post of Latvian President.

The new President, Anatoly Gurbanov — a Latvian despite his Russian name — addressed a rally of 100,000 people in Riga on Friday, where he spoke about "people's power," and ways to make life in the republic more democratic.

His speech, according to local journalists, received an enthusiastic welcome from the crowd. Many people waved the traditional red-and-white-striped Latvian flag, restored to official status this week after 48 years of Soviet power.

In a resurgence of national feeling, Popular Front movements calling for greater democracy and autonomy have sprung up in the last few months in all three Baltic republics, absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1940.

A sister movement, the Lithuanian movement for perestroika, (restructuring) will hold its founding congress on Oct 22. As at the Estonian congress, several speakers among the 1,100 delegates in Riga called for an end to immigration into the republic from elsewhere in the Soviet Union and protection of their Latvian culture against "Russification."

Ethnic Latvians have been reduced to little over half of the population by a flood of immigrants from elsewhere in the Soviet Union.

Delegates also demanded the republic be given economic autonomy from Moscow, a special status already promised by the Kremlin to Estonia. Other speakers even called for a return to total independence.

The Congress passed a resolution in support of the troubled region of Nagorno-Karabakh, whose largely Armenian population has been struggling for months to secede from Soviet Azerbaijan and join Armenia.

Lockheed, the C-130's US manufacturer, and eventually the FBI's counter-terrorism team, converged on the site.

They measured the spread of the wreckage, examined engines, sifted through small pieces and conducted forensic tests on the bodies, according to sources similar with the probe.

US diplomats in Islamabad said at the time they expected US experts to complete their findings within two weeks. But more than seven weeks after the accident, they say the probe is still unfinished.

Reportedly, the publication of any findings will be left to the Pakistanis.

"The trouble is, nobody who is in a position to know will tell you anything," said Anwar Iqbal, a journalist of the independent

newspaper The Muslim, who has written extensively on the crash theories.

Three theories stand out: one or more bombs planted on board, a technical malfunction, an anti-aircraft missile.

Assuming sabotage, attention falls on three suspects: domestic opponents of Zia, including political opposition leaders, religious groups and ethnic communities seeking autonomy.

agents of neighbouring India getting back at an old adversary, agents of Afghanistan's secret police, with assistance from the Soviet KGB, scheming to eliminate the anti-communist Zia.

Security sources confirmed one person was injured during a clash in the refugee camp. In Dura village, Palestinians said Israeli in civilian clothes and Arab headresses attacked residents. The Israelis were suspected of membership in an elite undercover Army force.

First AIDS death

MOSCOW, Oct 9, (AP): The Soviet Union today reported an AIDS death for the first time publicly, saying doctors failed to diagnose the symptoms correctly of a pregnant prostitute from Leningrad.

PLO approves 'independence and ...'

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struggle of liberation movements," El Horani said.

The programme also addresses other issues such as the proposed international conference on Middle East peace, security guarantees for all the states of the region and solving the refugees problem on the basis of UN resolutions, he said.

The same circles believe that large numbers of the world's nations will extend recognition to the provisional Palestinian government, once it is proclaimed by the PNC, the agency said.

In a related development, the agency said a high PLO delegation left Tunis for Moscow today for talks with the Soviet leadership on the Palestinian question.

The delegation is led by Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the PLO's political department. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will join the delegation in Moscow "at a later time," the agency said.

Israeli troops sweep W. Bank villages

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wounded in Sa'ir village and one each in Dura, Hebron and in Jalazoun refugee camp. Palestinians and Israel Radio also reported scattered unrest in Gaza.

In Jalazoun camp, a Palestinian in his 20s told Reuters: "The Army came early in the morning. They ran in the streets shooting. They fired many bullets. They shot one young boy."

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Rebel leader seized in Manila hideout

MANILA, Oct 9, (AP): A communist rebel leader has been captured by Philippine security forces in a raid on a suburban Manila hideout, the military's general headquarters announced.

Military spokesman Col. Oscar Florendo identified the rebel as Luisito De La Cruz, a member of the outlawed Communist Party in charge of operations in the central Luzon region north of Manila.

Florendo described De La Cruz as a "top-ranking" regional rebel leader and said authorities had offered a \$3,500 reward for his capture.

Florendo said De La Cruz, caught before dawn Saturday in a home in the Manila suburb of Valenzuela, was being interrogated at the Camp Aguinaldo general headquarters. De La Cruz had been underground for more than a decade.

Military officials said De La Cruz joined the banned party in 1976 after helping organise the

Association of Democratic Youth, a break-away faction of the rebel-backed Patriotic Youth, one of the offshoots of the communist-dominated National Democratic Front.

The front is an umbrella organisation of 12 groups believed controlled by the Communist Party of the Philippines.


In a related development, Maj. Gen. Mariano Adale, commander of the Philippine Army, said the military hoped to raise up to one million reservists this year to "meet any national emergency."

Adale said the reservists would be in addition to the 80,000 men expected to join a new paramilitary group, which will be deployed in rural areas by the year's end.

The unit is to replace other anti-communist vigilante and paramilitary organisations that have been accused of widespread human rights abuses against civilians.

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British university wants Kuwaiti students

By Jadranka Porter

BRITAIN'S University of Strathclyde is hoping to reach an agreement with Kuwait's Faculty of Technological Studies on staff training and joint research programmes.

Dr Kamal Andrawes of Strathclyde's Faculty of Engineering, who left Kuwait on Saturday after a week's visit, said the University of Strathclyde is also ready to help Kuwaiti graduates obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.

Reputation

Andrawes, who is a specialist in civil engineering, was on a fact-finding mission in Kuwait to pinpoint research projects of mutual interest and assess the Faculty of Technological Studies' training requirements.

Andrawes said the Kuwaitis expressed interest in Strathclyde's special programmes which fit Kuwait's requirements.

The programmes include courses for undergraduates, higher degree studies for staff and participation in research projects.

Andrawes delivered a lecture on soil reinforcement techniques, a field in which Strathclyde's Engineering Faculty earned an international reputation. A joint research programme on the subject would benefit Kuwait, he said, in view of the country's climate and soil conditions.

The University of Strathclyde has 7,500 students out of which 1,500 come from 70 countries. More than 100 students from the Gulf states attend classes at Strathclyde's campus in Glasgow, Scotland.

Britain is trying to encourage Kuwaitis to pursue higher education in the UK, but their efforts are plagued by misconceptions about the British education system.

Andrawes said that some

Kuwaitis are not aware that the British education system has changed substantially over the past two decades and now includes course studies favoured by Kuwaitis.

Preference

Course studies and a comparative ease of entry into undergraduate programmes in the US are reasons behind Kuwaitis' preference for the American education system.

To eradicate the misconceptions the British Council last March sent a group of academics from 12 British universities and two polytechnics to Kuwait where they held wide-ranging talks with officials, academics and students.

Andrawes, who was part of the delegation, returned to Kuwait last week as part of the follow-up effort.

One of his objectives was to assess how proficient the staff and students are in English and what help they would need if they opted to study at Strathclyde.



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Bahrain, Qatar agree to settle island dispute

SHARJAH, Oct 9, (KUNA): Qatar and Bahrain have agreed to settle their dispute on "Fisht Al Debal" island without resorting to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, a press report said here today.

"Al-Khali" newspaper quoted informed sources as saying that both Bahrain and Qatar have agreed to solve their dispute out of the International Court. The countries previously accepted the concept of resorting to The Hague court after mediation efforts by Gulf Co-operation Council states.

During recent high-level contacts, Doha and Manama concluded that resorting to the International Court would only

deepen the dispute and create tension in bilateral relations. The court might take years to review the case.

Predicted

The paper referred to telephone calls between the rulers of Bahrain and Qatar and visits by the crown princes of both GCC states.

The sources predicted that a final settlement for the dispute will be reached during the forthcoming GCC summit, due to be held in Manama late this year.

The paper said the agreement was reached at the initiative of Bahrain's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa, adding that the initiative was welcomed by Qatar.

Director calls for organisation of real estate sector

REAL ESTATE is still a vital sector in Kuwait's national economy and is considered one of the most prominent investment alternatives in the country.

Despite repeated serious attempts to organise the sector it has several shortcomings due to the lack of an appropriate technical apparatus.

A local daily interviewed Abdurabman Al Humoud, director general of Al Shail for Consulting and Real Estate Services on this issue.

The official said that the real estate market requires an organisation to expand the financing of real estate. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has no precise plans to govern the real estate market and does not have the technical staff to shoulder the responsibility, he added.

The real estate sector is affected by several factors including

the political climate and stability in the region and the capability of the financial institutions and the government to provide adequate funds, Al Shail said.

He commented that real estate costs in Kuwait are relatively high compared to other Gulf and world countries and attributed this to the lack of other investment opportunities and the inadequate amount of land to be used for real estate deals.

Al Humoud said that though speculation in the real estate market is inevitable, it should be balanced and logical.

He added that any proposals to organise the real estate market should take into account the expected increase in population and the market situation in the light of supply and demand.

A review of the experiments of the last two decades in this connection should be undertaken, Al Humoud concluded.

Sale or rental of shop licences is prohibited

KUWAITI entrepreneurs have been warned against renting or selling their shop licences without official permission from the Ministry of Commerce, according to the controller of commercial licences Ahmad Al Ansari.

The ministry encourages citizens to benefit from their licences and to personally work in their establishments. Citizens who rent or sell their licences are engaging in illegal activities in addition to providing the purchasers an opportunity to trade in residence permits, he added.

The official denied that the

ministry will increase fees for commercial licences in the future. He said: "The present fees are symbolic as the ministry does not want to burden citizens and expatriates with high fees."

Authorities continually check all establishments to ensure that they comply with regulations. Those found violating regulations are closed, he added.

The ministry has installed computers to streamline its activities. The computer system holds comprehensive information on about 37,000 commercial licences, Al Ansari said.

Teachers, parents gripe about private schools

THE educational process at private schools in Kuwait has indeed become problematic, according to Al Rai Al Aam.

The daily added "education merchants" will create a new Manakh crisis as they are striving to earn money at the expense of the future generation.

To highlight the issue, the daily interviewed a number of officials, parents and teachers.

An educational official who preferred to remain anonymous was quoted as saying that the ministerial decision organising private education was excellent and included necessary criteria to upgrade the educational process at private schools.

However, leniency in applying the decision caused a disaster in the private education sector, he added.

He said there is a new private education institution which was owned by some decision makers at the ministry in general and the Private Education Department in particular. He said he was not surprised to see a trend to increase the tuition fees at the private schools, irrespective of the standard of education and the quality of services.

Overlooked

Discussing salaries at private schools, the official said that the ministerial decision had fixed the salary of a teacher at primary schools at KD180. However, this condition was ignored by the schools concerned and the rights of the teachers were overlooked.

He refuted the claims of some private schools that they incurred losses. He pointed out that the ministry is paying 50 per cent of the tuition fees.

He added that the ministry is providing aid to private schools in form of laboratories and libraries estimated at KD10 for each student per annum. He added that most private schools spend only small part of this aid on the supplies.

The official called for nationalisation of the private schools. This suggestion he said is aimed at protecting the private education sector from illegal exploitation.

Infringed

A parent said that the ministry did not provide strict control on private schools.

A mother complained that the school compelled them to purchase uniforms from the school itself even though the prices were higher and the quality poor.

Another parent of a student at the French school said that the school infringed on rights when it decided to increase the tuition fees by 25 per cent although there was a previous increase estimated at 10 per cent. He added that the services of the school have deteriorated and the number of teachers was reduced. Each class has about 40 students, he said. Additionally, sports and cultural activities at this school were very poor, he said.

A number of teachers intervi-

ewed agreed that private schools were not being fair.

A teacher complained that most teachers were being paid KD80, although the salary had been defined as KD120 in the contract.

Another teacher complained that teachers were compelled to accompany children on the bus without any additional pay. Teachers also complained that they were made to pay transport fees.

The teachers who preferred not to be identified called on the Ministry of Education to look into their grievances and restore their rights.

3,295 fail to claim NHA houses

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) is considering cancelling 3,295 applications for NHA housing because these applicants did not come forward to receive their houses, a local daily quoted Majed Al Shaheen, NHA's director general as saying.

The official said that 33,765 applications were received. There were 4,215 applications from Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis.

The cost of housing projects is a heavy burden on the government, Al Shaheen said. In the year 2000, all of Kuwait's oil revenue is expected to be used for funding housing projects.

The increasing number of applicants for government housing is a normal result of population growth, Al Shaheen said.

Standard

The official stressed that the housing service in Kuwait is primarily aimed at improving the living standard of Kuwaiti families and providing future generations with better houses.

He pointed out that the NHA is seeking to resolve the problem of scarce land for housing purposes. One proposal would involve reutilising houses built in the early 60's or 70' on spacious plots and leaving a greater part of land unused.

In 1988 10,701 housing units were completed, which is 43 per cent of the total to be provided under the NHA's third five-year plan. Work is under way to build 9,962 houses, Al Shaheen said.

Approval will begin for constructing a third storey on existing houses to provide additional living space, he added.

PACI staff take English course

THE Public Authority for Civil Information yesterday began its specialised training for developing conversational skills in English.

A source at the Authority told KUNA that the aim of the training programme is to improve conversational skills of the Authority's staff in English as a second language. The programme will facilitate better work performance particularly since many of the visitors at the Authority do not speak Arabic.

The implementation of the specialised training programmes is part of the Authority's ongoing policy to optimise staff efficiency and boost productivity, the source added.

The course, which is scheduled to run for six weeks and will feature the latest language-teaching techniques, will be attended by 18 employees, the source said.

Al Rashed arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, Oct 9, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed today arrived here on a few days' visit.

Al Rashed said he is visiting here, representing HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed in the opening ceremony of the Egyptian opera house, which he described as one of Egypt's landmarks of civilisation.

He said that he will meet with his Egyptian counterpart Atef Obeid and other ministers for talks aimed at increasing co-operation.

Poet sets up writing prize

ABU DHABI, Oct 9, (Reuters): A wealthy United Arab Emirates (UAE) businessman-poet has funded a \$200,000 prize to be shared every two years by four Arabic authors or poets.

Abdul Gaffar Hussein, head of the UAE Writers' Union, told reporters today the award would be named after the businessman, Sultan Al Owais. He said it was the first such prize to be established in recent times.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Wild-goose chase in devil's kingdom

By Fatima Ahmed

EVERYTHING turns full cycle in Hindi films — from romantic fantasy to seedy revenge. Thus, one permanent fixture is the bad, bad wolf in sheep's clothing, wearing a sinister scowl, leather gloves and black suits. In recent months, the population of villains has been growing, perhaps to keep up with the population explosion around the world. The hero has the strenuous task of fighting not one but several wolves, and emerging victorious. That the hero always wins is a miracle.

In recent films, the villain comes accompanied — in pairs, in trios, or in fours, to complete the devil's kingdom. Filmmakers have yet to get all the Hindi film villains together for a night out with the bad guys; perhaps such a venture is already on the floors somewhere in a Bombay studio.

The purpose of this lengthy

preamble is to introduce you to the troublesome trio of Jala Kar, Raakh Karandha, a highly combustible title, giving nightmarish visions of fiery blazes engulfing the characters in the film. Wrong, at least for the most part of three and a half hours.

Let's get acquainted with the thoroughly spoiled trio: Shan-ulal (Shakti Kapoor), a guy with shifty eyes who has this uncanny habit of being "temporarily" out of gear to give "performance" to his evil plots; Premnand (Sadashiv Amrapurkar) who becomes Krodhanand each time his plans fail; and Anupam Kber, the neutral buffer, uniting the two evil forces.

Their mission: a self-destructing mission. Our's: blackout followed by amnesia, hopefully temporary.

Mercifully, the Jala Kar Raakh Kar Doonga (Burn it to Ashes), heroes (Dharmendra, Govinda) are on a paper chase

— the document that proves the innocence of an honest engineer, Saxena (Kulbhushan Kharbanda) framed for abusing power. The film gets its title from a line mouthed by one of the villains: "I will burn this paper to ashes so that they (the good guys) don't foil our plans." Before the notorious criminal sets it alight, the brave hero jumps through the window and snatches the document. Mind you, no one knows the fate of the document. But the paper chase never ends.

The villains' "sinister" motives are clearcut from Scene One: ambush, frame-ups and "wasta" in high places to get off the hook. The only difference is that director K.R. Reddy has re-revised the formula to add that fearful tale of the charming girl (Farha) who lives a lie, because of her dying husband's last wish to keep his death a secret. As the lyricist says: "Zindagi sukhi dukhi ka sangam

hai." There is more dukhi (despair) than sukhi (enjoyment) for viewers.

Dharmendra, in recent films, appears as the comic vagabond despised by his family only to shed his disguise to emerge as the honest CBI detective working on an off track case. Jala Kar is another example of this trend.

No film is complete without romance, in this one there are two pairs — Dharmendra-Anita Rajand Govinda-Farha. Dharmendra, who is in top form, indulges in cheeky romance — like catching the lady off-guard in the bath; Govinda is on a tragic high, with the lady pining for him with her long tresses spread across a double-bed, with a sad song playing in the background.

Good triumphs over evil after gruesome killings and the blazing fires illuminating our courageous hero's face. And, of course, there is a happy ending.

Ek aur Ek Gyarah (One and One Make Eleven) also ends on a happy note. A Vinod Khanna-Shashi Kapoor film, it shows both heroes decades younger. Though Vinod has not lost much of his macho, virile appeal, Shashi's waistline has grown thicker. This is also about a wild-goose chase after the murder of a millionaire, who leaves his property to his half-brother.

The rather convoluted plot mystifies you. Who is the tonga (horse carriage) driver? Who is the Jambia Dada and why is aiding and abetting the seth? What is the missing link? One needs not wait long for the answers, as they are willingly revealed, but not before taxing your nerves. Yet, it is worth a viewing if you want to revive memories of a debonair Shashi Kapoor romancing the buxom Neetu Singh.

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Salma Agha: star of the musical night

Music with Salma Agha

SALMA AGHA — best known in India and Pakistan for her collection of husbands and fiancés (the lady has been married several times, including to Javed Sheikh of Pakistan) is the star performer at the Naghmoun Ki Razi — Sitaron Ke Saath (A Musical Nite with the Stars), due to be held next month.

Salma, who shot to fame with her film Nikah, a movie dealing with divorce, has appeared in several Hindi and Pakistani films. The cat-eyed beauty, the heart-throb of hundreds of male fans, is one of the singing-stars in today's Hindi film world. Some of her

popular songs include a number from Nikah, "Dil ke arman aansoon mein beh gaye." She also sings ghazals and has cut several records.

Salma, who performed in Oman and Qatar earlier this year, will be accompanied by singer-actress Solakshana Pandit, actress Poonam Dhillon, actor Rajiv Kapoor and singers Suresh Wadkar and Dhiren Vyas. Mimie Shahid Bijmou will compete the show, which will be held at the Andalus Cinema on Nov 3-4. The show kicks off the Indian musical season in Kuwait.

(FA)



Rajiv Kapoor: dancing sensation



Solakshana Pandit: singer-actress



Poonam Dhillon: actress

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

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OCT 31- NOV 3: KLT's comedy, Two and Two Make Six, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala show with dinner at 8 pm on Oct 31. Subsequent shows at 8.15 pm on Nov 1/2/3. Tickets KD 3. For reservations ring 3983724 after 6.30 pm.

Bangali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

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IAC Musical Nite
OCT 13: IAC, Funaites. Punjabi, Tamil and Malayalam film songs will be presented by local vocalists. For reservations phone 390-4817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funaites. 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks; choreography by Naesh and Qariba; break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Sounds Great
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salmiya Cinema from Oct 19-22. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5756888/5758060 ext. 263.

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm. 4-6 pm. Tel: 531-8060; 531-8061.

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2.30 Al Ajniha
3.35 Cartoons
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7.50 Science and the Holy Quran
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Maligi.

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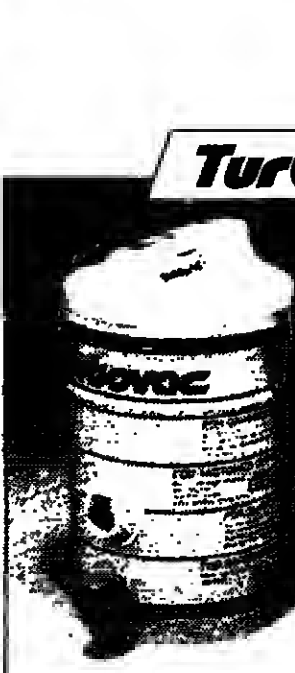
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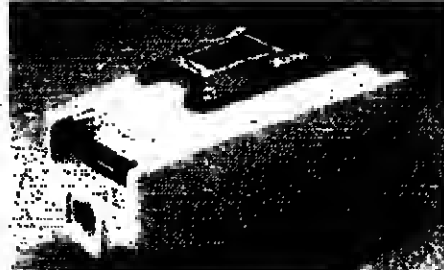


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OPINION

Growing market vital for investors

THERE are some oil-rich Arab countries with surplus money in both the private and public sectors, which they invest in non-Arab countries.

Such investments are not secret and everything is done in accordance with legal requirements, but there is insufficient protest against this practice.

We say this because there are some Arab countries which really need to see Arab funds invested with them to use available opportunities before their people revolt against the governments.

Nevertheless, Arab funds cannot move to the markets of some Arab countries whose economic identities we do not know.

The governments of such countries indulge in a lot of groundless talk about achievements and unrealistic future plans and have police states with which it is very difficult to negotiate.

There is real interest in investing Arab funds in Arab countries, but there are still some political trends towards Marxist ideologies, in spite of the fact that people who have long believed in such theories have now started to discard them after realising that they do not feed people and make the rich poor and exploit the weaker sections of the community.

There is also the problem that some Arab countries feel that their political regimes are superior and thus refuse to co-operate with other political regimes, thinking them to be on the verge of collapse.

The result is that the people of these countries have missed many opportunities, have faced economic troubles and inhabit countries with neither economic identity nor political colour.

These countries are, moreover, very unstable. Sometimes they favour violence and sometimes they are against it, sometimes threatening and sometimes accommodating.

Again, we stress the existence of a willingness to invest in Arab countries, but there needs to be the kind of warm atmosphere which is found in other organised countries, which protect and preserve the rights of investors and are open to the world economy. Without this, Arab funds will be kept away from those Arab countries that close their doors on all and feel that they have superior political ideologies.

Unfortunately, Arab funds cannot be invested in those countries until investors are provided with the same conditions as foreign funds and are not subjected to piracy and other harassments. Investors do not know on most occasions with which side to deal.

The Arab world is full of investment opportunities which require promotion and marketing. This would certainly be better than blunting our people by talking about imaginary future plans.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Sudan stalls debate on harsh Islamic laws

By Alfred Taban

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Sudan, stricken by war, famine and flood, has put off a divisive debate on harsh Islamic laws degrading amputation for thieves and stoning for adulterers.

The new code would replace one which former President Jaafar Nimeiri enacted five years ago, and whose provisions have been virtually ignored since he was overthrown in 1985.

Islamic law (sharia) makes us three class citizens in our country of birth," said Richard Mokobe, a Christian southerner and minister of local government in Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's government.

The first class citizens are Muslims men, the second class are Muslim women — we come third," he said.

Sidestepped
Last Tuesday, Sudan's constituent assembly, the country's parliament, sidestepped a vote on the revival of sharia which it had been discussing for two weeks. The plans were instead to a legislative committee for further study.

The assembly was then recessed for 45 days. It is due to resume on Nov 21.

Western diplomats said the introduction of sharia by Nimeiri was a major recruiting agent for the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Front (SPLA) which has been fighting government forces in the famine-hit south since 1983.

Under the latest government plans, southern Sudan was to be exempt from sharia, although the estimated three million southerners in the north would be under its jurisdiction.

Opposed
Even with such an arrangement, members of parliament from the mainly Christian and animist south were totally opposed to the code.

When it was presented for debate on Sept 19, almost all the southerners walked out of parliament.

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood Party (NIF) criticised the walkout as undemocratic.

"There is not a single party in northern Sudan which does not have Islamisation in its programme. We have therefore been elected to bring sharia law into force," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman Mohamed, an NIF parliamentarian and minister of social welfare and rehabilitation.

NIF, which has 51 seats in the 301-member assembly, has vowed to ensure the laws are passed. It has six members on the legislative committee.

Most southerners in parliament are members of the Union of Sudan African Parties (USAP) which went into opposition after Mahdi brought the NIF into his new coalition government in May.

"We have been elected to fight sharia laws," said southern deputy Lasu Gale.

Submitted
The chairman of the legislative committee Taj Al Sir Monofoli said the code would be re-submitted to the assembly when it reconvened later in the year.

Diplomats in Khartoum said Mahdi — as head of the 102 seat Umma Party — could work out a compromise which would lessen the divisions over the sharia plans.

He is on record as saying that some if not all sharia punishments, including lashing and amputation, are not really provided for in the Muslim holy book, the Quran.

Penalties

Sharia imposes floggings of up to 100 lashes for all offenders except those convicted of crimes punishable by the loss of a hand or foot or death.

The penalties were rigidly applied in 1984 in Sudan, a vast country of 23 million people from more than 100 ethnically and religiously diverse tribes.

During that year about 70 people lost either a hand or a foot.

New strategy for Palestinian struggle

PLO split on timing of 'parliament' session

By Mona Ziad

NICOSIA, Cyprus, (AP): The PLO is torn by a fierce debate over the timing of a much-delayed meeting of its parliament-to-exile to forge a new political strategy for the Palestinians' tortuous struggle for an independent homeland.

Some Palestine Liberation Organization leaders want to convene the Palestine National Council as soon as possible to capitalize on the widespread sympathy won for their cause by a 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

But others, supported by the Soviet Union and Egypt, argue that the 450-seat council, which includes non-PLO members, should not meet until after Israel's parliamentary elections Nov 1 and US presidential elections Nov 8.

The main thrust of the PLO's efforts is aimed primarily at putting pressure on the United States and Israel to recognize Palestinians' right to self-determination and break the impasse in efforts to end the 40-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and the movement's ruling executive committee have narrowed to three the options they will present to the PNC to achieve an independent Palestinian state in Israeli-occupied territory.

Options

The options hammered out by the 15-man committee, after meeting almost continuously and often heatedly for several weeks, are a unilateral declaration of independence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, formation of a provisional government or a combination of both.

The PLO might also ask the PNC to endorse asking the United Nations to take a trusteeship role in the occupied territories until an independent Palestinian state can be formally established.

Informed Palestinian sources said Arafat realizes that hesitation in forging a breakthrough after nearly a year of violence in the West Bank and Gaza could shift the centre of gravity away from him to the uprising's clandestine leadership.

So he wants the PNC to convene at the earliest possible date



Yasser Arafat now that internal differences over the options have been narrowed, if not eliminated.

A PNC session set for early October was postponed, and an effort to hold it before the end of the month also looks as though it has been scrapped.

Arafat's chief spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said in a telephone interview from Baghdad: "There are no reasons to delay. We're taking into account only our national interests, not what the Americans or Israelis want."

However, another senior PLO official, interviewed by tele-

phone from Cairo, explained that taking any decision before the US and Israeli elections, which could radically alter the political landscape, could be counter-productive.

"It may elicit attitudes by candidates which later will be difficult to rescind," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak advised Arafat in Cairo last month to wait until after the US presidential election to convene the PNC.

However, Mubarak stressed that Cairo would back whatever option the PNC decided on.

Arafat has been globe-trotting, seeking support for an independent Palestinian state. He has made increasingly conciliatory speeches.

Undecided

The Palestinians are also divided over the contentious question of recognition of Israel. Arafat, as he often does on critical issues, appears to be undecided.

Some of his aides, and reportedly the Soviets as well, believe that recognizing the Jewish state they have fought since 1948 will

break down US and Israeli opposition to talking directly to the PLO.

Both US Presidential candidates, Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, have declared that there can be no direct contacts with the PLO in any peace negotiations until the Palestinians recognize Israel.

Radical, Syrian-backed factions bitterly oppose recognizing what they call the "Zionist entity" in return for a Palestinian homeland in the occupied territories, instead of all of what used to be Palestine.

The bottom line is that Arafat knows that recognition of Israel is his ace in the hole, and that if he plays it too quickly, he will have nothing with which to bargain.

Despite the differences within the PLO and the Palestinian cause as a whole, the uprising has clearly accelerated the mainstream away from the concept of guerrilla war toward a political option.

But if the pragmatists and their "two-state solution" — Jewish and Palestinian states co-existing side by side — succeed, the PNC will have to map out a charter for

the proposed provisional government.

That would allow the PLO to quickly abandon the present PLO covenant which calls for the destruction of Israel.

Drawing up a new document would mean, in effect, a diplomatic renunciation of violence, another condition set by the Israelis and the Americans for dealing with the PLO.

Resist

But such moves would be vehemently resisted by Syria and its hardline Arab allies.

Momentum for the declaration of an independent Palestinian state and a provisional government, possibly including non-PLO figures and prominent Palestinians from the occupied territories, intensified after King Hussein of Jordan announced July 31 he was severing all Jordan's legal and administrative links with the West Bank. The region was annexed by Jordan in 1950.

That gave Arafat little choice but to seek to step in and take over responsibility as the Palestinians' sole representative, a status long endorsed by Arab summits.

Libyan peace overtures put Chad in difficult position

by Libya in 1973.

The normalisation between Chad and Libya is good publicity for Khaddafi, who has been anxious to break out of diplomatic isolation ever since the 1986 US raids on his country, diplomats said.

The process was instigated by Khaddafi last May when he abruptly offered to recognise Chadian President Hissene Habre and to help rebuild Chadian towns bombed by the Libyan Air Force.

According to French press reports, Khaddafi a few weeks later ordered the arrest in Tripoli of Chadian rebel leader Achiche Bin Omar, hitherto a protégé of Libya.

Last month, Libya repatriated a first batch of Chadian prisoners of war through representatives of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). Diplomats said the little publicly given by N'Djamena to the move reflected Chad's growing embarrasment at Libya's growing dominance.

"Habre could no longer afford to turn down Khaddafi's cascade of goodwill gestures. But he has evidently been cornered in a difficult posture," a diplomat said.

Habre, a former ally of Khaddafi who later turned to the West to drive Libyan forces out of his country, has repeatedly stated he wanted good relations with Libya.

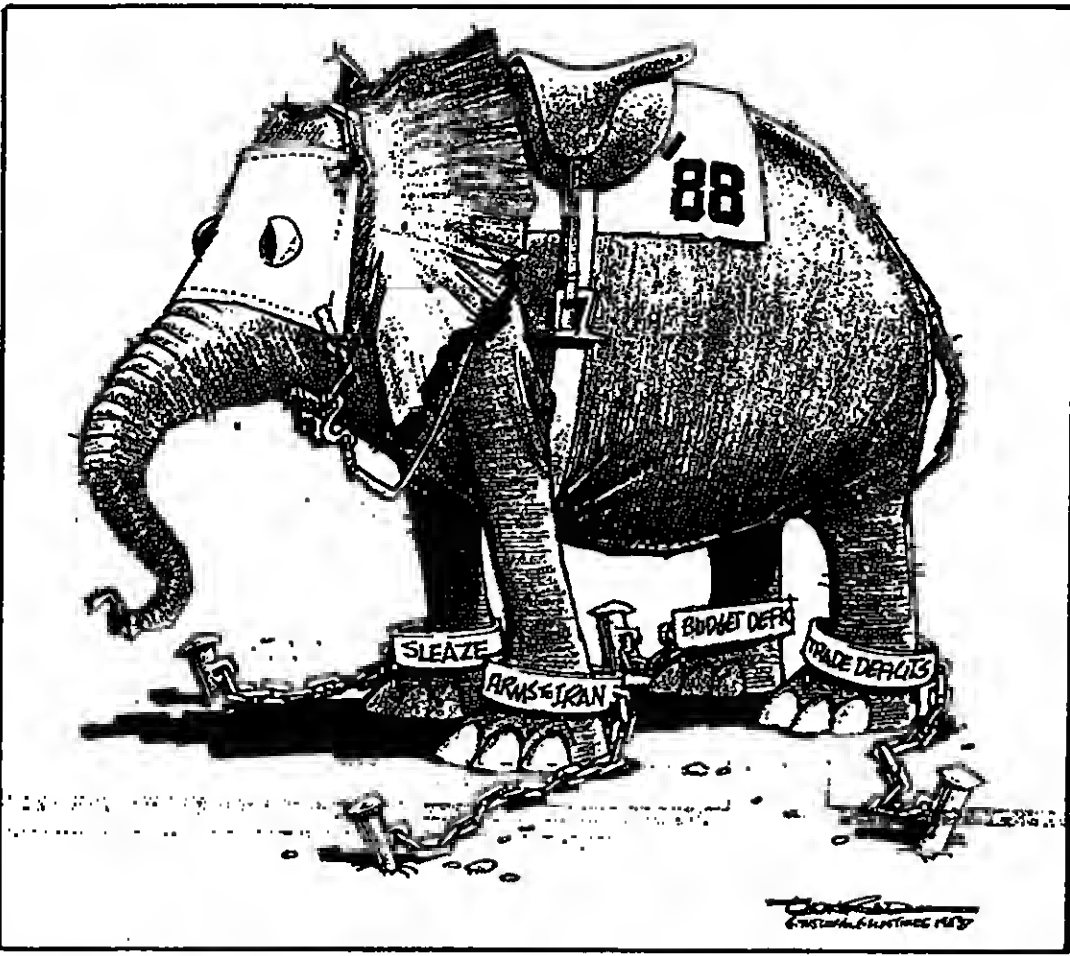
But he has always said Chad would not relinquish its claims over the Aouzou Strip which he said was part of Chad's historical territory.

Libya bases its claim on a 1935 treaty between France and Italy, the former colonial powers. The instruments of ratification were never exchanged.

Chad and Libya have pledged to settle peacefully their land dispute and to set up full diplomatic missions by the end of the month. But it appears unlikely the Aouzou quarrel could be solved at ambassador level.

The next likely step would be either a summit meeting between Habre and Khaddafi or re-establishing a special OAU committee charged with mediating between Chad and Libya.

France and the United States, Habre's main allies, have welcomed the resumption of diplomatic ties between Chad and Libya.



By Adam Kellier

SHARIKAR, Afghanistan, (UPI): Soviet mortarmen worked in a frenzy, running through dusty trenches bearing rounds that were thrust into a tube and sent whistling out against an unseen enemy.

"I meet them only through the binoculars," said Soviet Pvt. Igor Andreich between thuds, sweat gleaming through the 20-year-old Latvian's regulation crewcut. "They hide in the mountains, but once or twice, in the distance, I have seen men with guns."

Muslim rebels huddled in the hills 2 miles (3 km) away had fired four shells at the base of a Soviet engineering unit, prompting a heavy, 45-minute retaliatory barrage by mortars, artillery batteries and heavy machine guns.

It is almost a daily duel at Sharikar, 40 miles (65 km) north of Kabul beneath looming pastel-gray mountains that surround the vast, fertile guerrilla-controlled Shakaria valley.

Punctually, at 5:15 pm. — before evening prayers — the Islamic insurgents lob a few shells or rockets down on Moscow's exposed forces, occasionally

Afghan rebels regularly attack Soviet forces

ally inflicting damage or casualties. The Soviet response is swift and heavy to display its greater, seemingly inexhaustible firepower.

Quiet

"You can be sure they will be quiet for the next few hours," chuckled Col Belous Gennady as the Soviet outburst ended and the last snells of cordite drifted away.

But the 9-year-old ritualised exchange soon will be over. During the next few months, the Soviets will pack up their weapons and go home, meeting the terms of the Geneva accord pullout schedule and creating another chink in the armour of defences that protect Kabul from the rebel forces that surround it.

"From a military point of view, this base is not valuable," said Lt Col Alexander Sherban of the Sharihar base. "All movement can be seen from the mountains or from the forest. It is not a correct place."

He said the thinly manned Afghan Army would be better placed defending more vital installations.

But Sharikar is one small part of Kabul's formidable defence network, sitting just outside the three "rings of steel" created to block advances by the US-backed guerrillas.

Soviet troops man numerous firebases and outposts, and, according to diplomats, still take care of most of the capital's defences. Presumably, when Sharikar and other Soviet-maned positions cease to become targets, the resistance will intensify attacks on government positions and step up pressure for storming President Najibullah's citadel of power.

"Kabul is the key. Kabul is the prize," one Western diplomat said. "Whoever gets Kabul wins the war."

But analysts have been reassessing their initially scathing views of the Afghan Army's ability to hold Kabul after the Soviet withdrawal. Now they do not expect provincial capitals to fall like dominoes preceding a final climatic battle for the capital.

Government forces are backed by massive inventories of

Soviet-supplied ammunition and air power. Even within a diminished defence perimeter they are well equipped to make an all-out guerrilla assault a suicidal venture.

Security patrols have been extended well beyond the capital by crack Afghan troops, who also man the main outer defence perimeter about 15 miles (24 km) from Kabul. The second "ring of steel" is composed of Army and paramilitary personnel some 9 miles out. The final belt is held by various militia groups.

Defend

"The Afghan Army has the ability to defend our homeland and we will resist the opposition until the last drop of our blood," Afghan Pvt. Maharam Ali vowed adamantly.

The military constantly shows its willingness to unleash generous amounts of lead and gunpowder at the barest whiff of guerrilla activity in the rebel-controlled areas that completely surround the city of 2 million people.

Kabul residents appear to have become injured to the sud-

den thuds and rumbles of outgoing artillery. They rarely glance at the constant traffic of flare-pewee jets and transport aircraft, or the phalanxes of clattering helicopter gunships that skim out at rooftop level on daily sorties.

The night is lit by flares, the most dramatic lazily descending in chained clusters of seven above distant hillsides, illuminating the landscape in a 12-minute-long wash of orange light.

Residents even seem stoic about stepped-up rebel attacks with rockets, which often fall short or overshoot military targets and land on residential areas, taking a heavy toll of life and property.

"It is a silent death," shrugged one base Hindu moneychanger, who said his brother was recently killed in a spray of rocket shrapnel. "If you hear it, the rocket has killed somebody else. If it is coming for you, you will never hear it."

Fortress Kabul sits like a bristling porcupine, but it is not under siege.

Shops brim with food and

goods from across the globe that have inexplicably surfaced in the remote bustling metropolis, renowned for centuries as a great central Asian trading centre.

Analysts believe the rebels' shrewdest method of asserting pressure would be to break the power of the civil administration and ignite anti-regime sentiment by escalating disruption of essential services, particularly during the forthcoming winter.

Food

Kabul grows 20 per cent of its food within protected fields, but otherwise must rely on surrounding provinces. Electricity mostly comes from one main hydroelectric power station, and diplomats estimate the city at any time only has five days of petroleum stored for civilian vehicles and 14 days for the military.

Sustained attacks on fuel convoys playing the easily ambushed Salang Highway — Kabul's lifeline to the Soviet Union — could quickly bring the city to a halt, especially as a "Berlin Airlift" scenario would be expensive and difficult for Moscow to sustain.

Thatcher to return to scene of attack

By Arthur Herman

LONDON, (UPI): Police mounted a multi-million-dollar security operation this weekend as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher prepared to return to the city where the IRA came closest to killing her four years ago.

Thatcher and hundreds of her Conservative followers are due to the resort city of Brighton for the opening tomorrow of their annual four-day party convention.

On Oct 12, 1984 in the middle of the Conservatives' last gathering in Brighton, a sophisticated time bomb planted by an IRA explosives expert ripped open the beachfront Grand Hotel where Thatcher and other party and government leaders were staying.

The 2:58 am blast was in room 629. The prime minister was still awake in her second-floor suite putting the finishing touches on a convention speech.

About seven floors of rooms adjacent to her sitting room collapsed in a pile of rubble and bodies, killing five people and

injuring 30. Thatcher escaped unhurt.

Now the gleaming white Grand Hotel has been rebuilt — and Thatcher is expected to stay there once again. But for security reasons, officials refuse to say where she will be housed.

"I don't know how difficult going back will be," said Robert Wakeham, whose wife died near him in the Brighton bomb attack. Now lord president of the privy council, he said "I'm glad I haven't had to return any earlier."

Police sources said that during the convention 1,500 police, nearly half the force of Sussex county surrounding Brighton, will be on duty in the vicinity. They have been shown a special film that says the threat assessment for the convention is high, but that terrorists could hit other soft targets, the sources said.

Fears of new IRA attacks were heightened by the Sept 30 verdict of a controversial coroner's inquest in Gibraltar. Its jury found that British commandos acted legally when they gunned down three unarmed IRA

guerrillas who were planning a bomb attack in the crown colony.

Security checks of buildings, sewers and even the water supply began as early as March. Officers put the price tag for the operation at £1.4 million (\$2.4 million).

Responsibility

Norman Tebbit, one of Thatcher's closest political associates over recent years, was injured in the 1984 bombing — his wife Margaret remains paralyzed from her injuries — and described it graphically in a recent book.

"There was just time for Margaret to call out in alarm and for me to reply 'it's a bomb' before the ceiling came crashing down on us and then, in a hail of debris, the floor collapsed, catapulting us down under an avalanche of bricks, timber and plaster."

The outlawed Irish Republican Army, which is trying to end British rule of Northern Ireland, took responsibility for the British bomb within hours after it went off.

"Today we were unlucky," the IRA said in a communiqué. "But remember we only have to be lucky once. You have to be lucky always."

IRA member Patrick Magee, 37, was not lucky.

He was arrested in 1985 in Glasgow, Scotland, along with 11 other people in a police raid on an apartment. Investigators said his fingerprints matched those on a registration card of a man calling himself "Roy Walsh" who stayed in Room 629 of the Grand Hotel a month before the 1984 convention.

Police said Magee had planted a time bomb behind a panel in the 629 bathroom.

Guilt

In June 1986, a London jury found Magee guilty of murder of five people in the Brighton bombing. "You are a man of exceptional cruelty and inhumanity," said judge Leslie Boreham in sentencing Magee to eight life prison sentences. "You enjoy your terrorist activities... you intended to wipe out a large part of the government and you very nearly did."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1733 — France declares war on Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI for aiding elector Augustus III of Saxony.
- 1842 — Britain proclaims victory as second Afghan war ends.
- 1859 — Civil war breaks out in Argentina.
- 1911 — Revolutionaries under Dr Sun Yat-Sen overthrow Manchu dynasty in China.
- 1913 — Atlantic and Pacific oceans are united by blowing up the Gamboa Dam of Panama Canal.
- 1938 — Nazi Germany completes occupation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.
- 1943 — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek takes oath of office as president of China.
- 1963 — High dam collapses near Belluno, Italy, and resulting flood kills an estimated 1,800 people.
- 1967 — Bolivia officials say they have confirmed that Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara has been killed in jungle fight with Bolivian troops.
- 1970 — Two masked men kidnap Quebec (Canada) Labour Minister Pierre Laporte from his front yard in Montreal. He is found dead a week later.
- 1971 — Death toll is put at more than 200 in hurricane that swept parts of Haiti, Cuba, Mexico and area of US state of Florida.
- 1976 — Scores of left-wing students, professors and politicians are in hiding or flee country after military coup in Thailand.
- 1977 — Two Soviet cosmonauts, encountering trouble in docking with their space station, are ordered to return to earth.
- 1980 — Thousands of casualties are reported following earthquake in Al Asnam, Algeria.
- 1987 — Suspected communist assassins kill journalist and military officer in separate attacks in Philippines.

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No shocks in store for spring/summer '89

Back to the cradle — Italian style

MILAN, Italy, (Agencies): It's back to the cradle for spring-summer 1989, Italian style. After several sexy seasons of super short, hi-bugging styles, the top Italian designers who showed their collections in Milan last week are proposing a demure schoolgirl look for next year's warmer months.

Prim white blouses, practical jumpers, trim pants suits and diaphanous evening gowns are the staple items in the new boarding school wardrobe.

There are a lot of stiff collars in the collections, almost no high heels, and even a few pairs of knee socks.

For a weekend off campus the designers offer a myriad of loose fitting pants and shorts, long skirts and tweedy cable knit sweaters.

Best at this look — as well as being totally out of character — was flamboyant Karl Lagerfeld, for Fendi, who showed in an elegant downtown Milan Palazzo.

Perfect

He kept his girls on the straight and narrow in perfect linen dresses with demure white collars and prim flat-ironed pleats. These fashionable uniforms came in lavender and ripe wheat shades.

In town for the day, the Fendi student looks like she stepped out of a 19th century painting in her neat little linen suit, with calf-length skirt and jacket fitted at the waist worn over a white blouse adorned with a tiny bow tie.

At night she shines in her delicate flax-coloured silk party dress complete with lace collar and white floral embroidery.

Then it was Krizia's turn to outfit the schoolgirl. The Krizia boarding school is less rigorous than Fendi's, with more vacation time and a social calendar full of garden parties, dances and weddings.

Her basic uniform is a white blouse under an ankle-length jumper or a pair of loose-fitting shorts, worn with the same

After last season's short sharp shocks with the mini, Italian designers showing their collections in Milan last week have opted for a demure school-girl look for next season.



Karl Lagerfeld for Fendi included knee socks to go with the demure schoolgirl look.

crisp blouse or with a hip-length pullover.

For a weekend in the city Krizia proposes unfussy pant

suits with high-waisted trousers and man-tailored jackets. For the weekend at her roommates' country home, Krizia offers chic tobacco-coloured suede sweater jackets and checkered pants.

But the student at Miss Krizia's really excels on the social circuit. She stands out at garden parties in her tea rose pink chiffon tunic dress, spiffed up by a suede leather sash, and is the belle of the ball in her sweet sixteen powder pink gown in dainty ruffled pleats.

Should her roommate take the big step this gown can also double as a bridesmaid outfit.

A model student in study hall, Krizia's girl has a wild side which comes out at vacation time.

Far from the rigours of academic living, she bears her midriff in sexy little band bras and bustiers and sits by the poolside in a black tank suit with a cut-out heart bearing her navel.

There's nothing controversial about these clothes, which should appeal to trend-setters and conservative alike.

Sexy

Flamboyant Gianni Versace toned down his tough sexy style, and gave a new softness to his sleek man-tailored suits. Even the "enfant terrible" Franco Moschino succumbed to the new calm mood.

The Milan fashion vista is expanding, thanks to Laura Biagiotti, who was the first designer to bring Italian clothes to China, when she presented her collection in Beijing last April.

Celebrating her historic visit, twenty Chinese models returned the favour by appearing in her oriental inspired spring collection.

Sitting in the front row was the Chinese ambassador to Italy Du Dong, and a delegation of Chinese trade officials.

There is talk that Biagiotti, a latter day Marco Polo, may protect some of her famed cashmere creations in China.



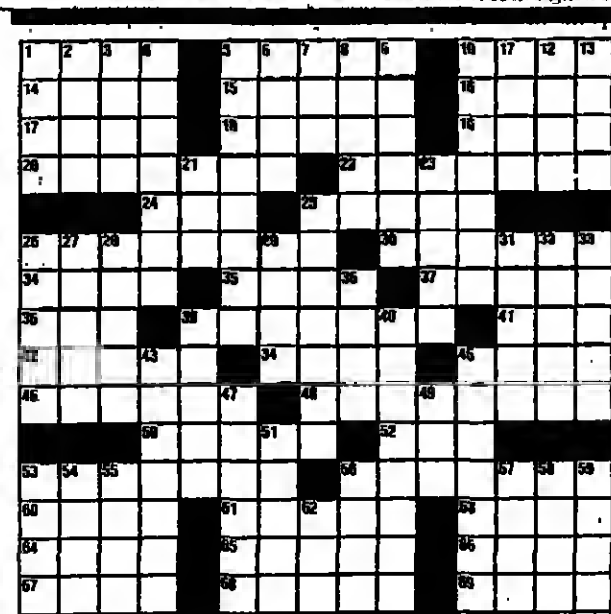
Stripes are very popular in the Krizia collection.



A calf-length skirt and long jacket from Fendi.

Short but not shocking: evening wear from Milan designer Moschino

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Brittle cookie
 - 5 Paster
 - 10 Speaker's platform
 - 14 Convex moldings
 - 15 Fortification
 - 16 Mediterranean feeder
 - 17 Satan's work
 - 18 Very annoyed
 - 19 Kukla's friend
 - 20 Kangaroo
 - 22 Emanating from
 - 24 Babylonian chief god
 - 25 Canal Zone town
 - 26 Part of BTO
 - 30 Tropical bloom
 - 34 Wilander of tannia
 - 35 Listening devices
 - 37 Make amends
 - 38 A Gabor
 - 39 Sets upon
 - 41 Foremost part
 - 42 Openmouthed onlooker
 - 44 Naap or ebb
 - 45 Dispatched
 - 46 Weak
 - 48 Hand signals
 - 50 Song of praise
 - 52 White House nickname
 - 53 Arranged in layers
 - 58 Previous
 - 60 Eternally
 - 61 Actress Field
 - 63 Engrossed with
 - 64 Shower attention upon
 - 65 Roman magistrate
 - 66 God of love
 - 67 Command respect
 - 68 Palm produce
- DOWN**
- 1 Hearty dish
 - 2 Variabla star
 - 3 Seed casa
 - 4 Porch supports
 - 5 Testimonials
 - 6 Weld
 - 7 Ohio college town
 - 8 Lustrious fabric
 - 9 Georges —
 - 10 Out of business
 - 11 Dugout or shelter
 - 12 Midwest country
 - 13 Kind of book or bird
 - 21 Collection
 - 23 Marsh birds
 - 25 Indict
 - 26 Alpha's opposite
 - 27 Stately dance
 - 28 Storehouse
 - 29 Hope drier
 - 31 Hang around
 - 32 Silly
 - 33 Fender mishaps
 - 36 Viewpoint
 - 39 Noun suffix
 - 40 Haiti seaport
 - 43 Sovereignities
 - 45 Soiled
 - 47 Deslsted
 - 49 Sticky stuff
 - 51 Cultivated land in the southwest
 - 53 Mother of shelter
 - 54 State positively
 - 55 Allot
 - 56 She, in Sedan
 - 57 Concerning
 - 58 School or jacket
 - 59 Antarctic sea
 - 62 Illuminated

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FADE SPRAIT MAINE
JELLY PEACH OVER
JEWEL IN THE CROWN
ICY ACNE CHANTS
GREY SHUL
ACARIO FAIR ATE
SOLON FIVE SLIT
THE PEARL OF DEATH
RARE DOER UTILE
ANT BASS ORNER
GOPT BAHN
SEARAT ERMA KAI
ACRES OF DIAMONDS
SHIP RULING DOZE
HOLIT SIEGE EWIER

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AKJ4 ♥J6 ♦Q10763 ♣AQ

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

1 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—There are those who would bid only one spade, since that action would be forcing. However, we feel that our honors in partner's suits makes our hand too strong, and it could be impossible to catch up later. We vote for a jump shift to two spades.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK ♥AK983 ♦KQ4 ♣532

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Let your partner know that you have a strong, balanced hand by jumping to three no trump. Once he has been advised of your 19 or so points, he will be ideally positioned to probe for slam.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q97 ♥AKJ43 ♦93 ♣K104

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—A difficult problem. Three clubs does not come close to doing your hand justice; four clubs bypasses three no trump, which could be your only makable game; and you are a heart short for a jump to three hearts. By a process of elimination we suggest you bid two spades. With a bit of luck, partner

will rebid two no trump and give you an easy raise to game.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AK72 ♥95 ♦QK83 ♣AQ10

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

1 ♥ DBL Pass 1 NT

Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—If you think partner is bailing out with a weak hand, you're mistaken. He's making a forward-going bid with some 8-10 points. If he has a maximum, you want to be in game, so invite by raising to two no trump.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AQ75 ♥52 ♦AKQ ♣632

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?

A.—Once in a while a preempt will accomplish its purpose, and this one has. You have a fine hand, but there's nothing you can do without risking a catastrophe. Pass, and hope that partner can take balancing action.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠863 ♥KJ9 ♦1063 ♣A872

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Your response shows 6-9 points, and partner is asking you to bid game if you are at the top of your range. Your 8 points are bolstered by good intermediate cards, and you should have no hesitation about going on to game. Bid three no trump.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to come to terms with yourself. You will be better able to maintain harmony with your partner. You should avoid taking any undue risks just now. Be generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

This is a good time for doing something creative and you will also be stimulated to do your best. An offer or proposal should be taken seriously. You should try not to overture yourself. Be firm.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to deal with a problem that has been dogging you for some time. You should work hard but not during your leisure time too. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Today you must beware of mistaking what appears to be for what is. You should concentrate on dealing with essentials and leave details for later. You will be able to learn from experience. Be prompt.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

This is going to be an interesting and stimulating day for you. You should work hard for a short time rather than superficially for a long time. Do not delay what you know should be done now. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be better able to deal with a financial matter, but only if you can curb a tendency towards extravagance. You will be better able to maintain harmony. You will have something to be pleased but not smug about. Be reasonable.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

The Moon's better influence will help you to succeed with a difficult project. You should not make a nuisance of yourself. You will be able to learn from experience. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to make more rapid progress but only if you keep your mind on things. Avoid trying to do more than one thing at a time. Listen to what others are saying and respect their opinion. Be malleable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should try to maintain a steady working rhythm. Pay a little more attention to matters affecting your health. Do not allow work to encroach upon your leisure time. Be frank but not tactless.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The situation is complicated and you should do all you can to simplify it. You should try to avoid stress and to ensure you get enough rest. Pay more attention to the consequences of your actions. Be amenable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

This is going to be an interesting day for you, but you must keep your mind on things. You should not take everything quite so much at its face value. Keep your wit very much about you. Be conscientious.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will have something to be really pleased about. You should be prepared to take the responsibility for your actions. Do not blame others for what is really your own fault. Be sincere.

By Sandrine Leon

Salvador Dali exhibited in Moscow

A revolutionary painter in the land of revolution

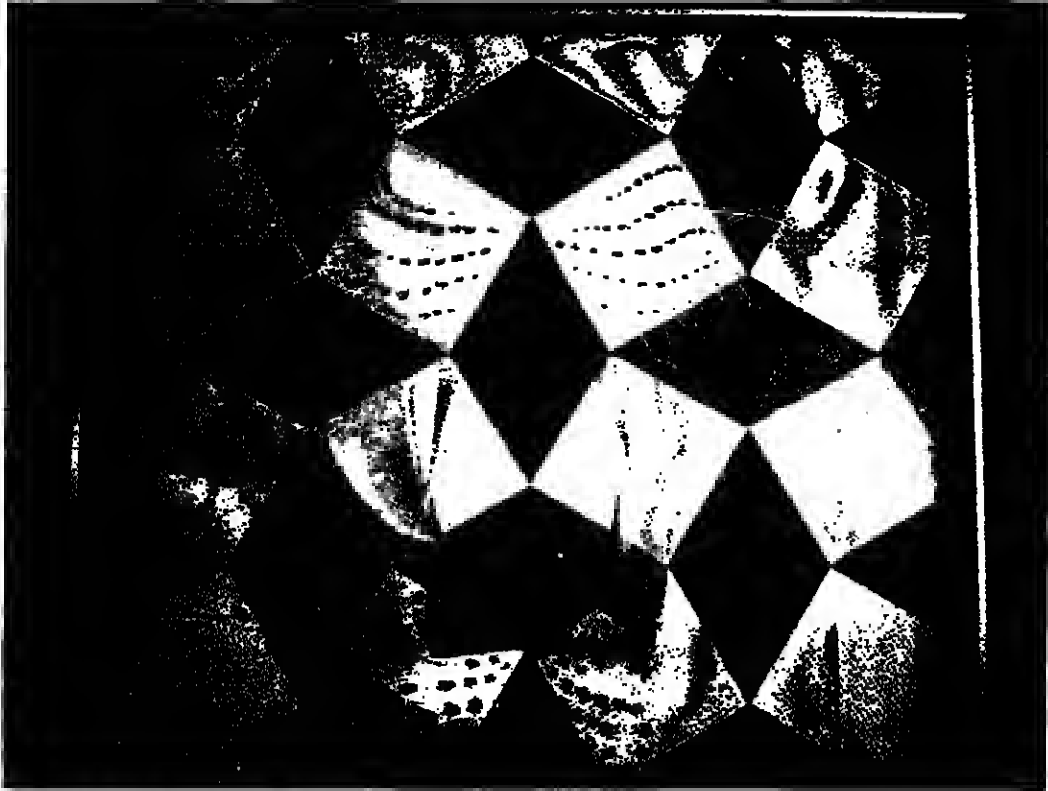
WHAT is happening in Moscow? Carried away by the whirlwind of perestroika, the Soviet artistic establishment is opening up to the long-ignored aspects of Western culture and is receiving the engravings of Salvador Dali in the highly official Pushkin museum.

The surrealism of the master from Figueras, which, owing to its fantasy, cannot be categorized, and whose genius is indisputable, is amused at the stunned looks of the Moscow nomenklatura. Something is bound to come of the shock created by this event. But how did all this come about?

This historic encounter is due to the perseverance of a Dali fan, combined with the effort of opening up to the West instigated by the Gorbachev era. Pierre Argillet is mad about Dali and he believed in it so strongly that it all became possible.

A long-time disciple and friend of the master, whom he met in Paris in 1934 in Dali's most creative period, Pierre Argillet has been publishing Dali's engravings, inspired by the greatest texts, for 30 years: Apollinaire's secret letters, Ronsard's "Amours de Cassandre", Faust's Night of Walpurgis, Mao Tse-Tung's poems, Sacher Masoch's Venus in Furs, Tirso de la Molina's Don Juan, Bullfighting, Hippias etc...

From this long friendly collaboration, a project was born. It was achieved in 1974 and consists in the creation of a Museum of Surrealism installed in the Chateau de Vaux-le-Penil near Paris. In addition



A surrealist painting by Dali.

to Dali's engravings, sculptures and paintings, there are also numerous mementoes of surrealism days which Pierre Argillet lived through and in which he was involved.

And, even more than that.



Salvador Dali: gaining appreciation in the USSR

Dali's visits to his friend in Vaux-le-Penil left amazing souvenirs. One day, as he turned up at the chateau when Pierre Argillet's daughter was playing the piano, Dali decided to give her a treat by decorating her grand piano. He did this in one hour using a brush which he tied to a stick in order to paint without disturbing the little girl who went on playing unperturbed. Another piano ended up in the basement of the chateau, transformed into a fountain. Further on, the bathroom, imagined by this great master for his wife Gala, is offered up to the looks of amazement of the visitors. A project for a balcony for the chateau, designed by Dali, is still waiting for the generosity of a patron.

Far from wanting to keep these unique creations for himself, Pierre Argillet always wanted the greatest number of people to benefit from them. In 1978, he got in touch with the

Soviet Embassy. But his attempts were premature. However, with the opening of the Soviet Union to the world, last year with the International Moscow Forum for the De-nuclearized World, to which Pierre Argillet was invited as a curator of the museum, his plan to organize an exhibition of surrealism took shape with the prospects of art exchanges between the East and the West.

Pierre Argillet's collection is chosen in preference to many others for the indisputable authenticity of the works he owns.

All the great artistic themes have been grouped together (painting, sculpture, architecture, cinema, theatre, literature, etc.) from Guillaume Apollinaire to Mucha, the Czech artist from the Belle Epoque period. The organizers undoubtedly made an effort to bring out the discreet links uniting the two countries over the ages.

Stencil graffiti: a new art form from Paris

By E. de Ara Gamazo

STENCIL art, consisting in painting shapes cut out in cardboard or metal sheets, is a typically French form of artistic expression both in its sources of inspiration and in the geographical origin of its original development.

It appeared in the streets of Paris in 1983 and was the work of artists who were not sufficiently well-known to have their works grace the walls of art galleries. It spread rapidly on a large scale, thanks to its simple means of reproduction and to such an extent that it has become a component of "Art Brut" in its own right as well as becoming a medium for political or economic movements.

The technique of stencilling goes back to prehistory as shown by cave paintings of hands and more stylised animal forms. Stencils have been used in all periods just like moulds in other forms of art for mass reproduction of works.

The material used for the cut-out has to be both rigid and easy to cut and it can be used over and over again for a complex repetitive design while, at the same time, being a highly economical means of expression for its users.

The return to popularity of stencilling as a means of expression comes from Mesnager's "neo-cave-art" which he practised on his night-time strolls in the streets and along the banks of the Seine in Paris in the early 80s. Although he worked quickly without using a matrix, the white figures of his characters encouraged young artists to take up the idea of this new urban art which is accessible to the anonymous passerby and to work on it.

Originality

Despite the frequent originality in the posture and location of his characters, Mesnager seems to be a prisoner of his theme: ghost-like figures wandering in the city.

The appearance of the stencil as a means of representation thanks to graphic artists such as Blek (the precursor), Marie Rouffier (Rock'n Nana grids), V.R. Ethern, Speedy Graffiti and also Miss Tic in her very

Stencilling is considered an act of vandalism to other people's property, and while the City of Paris spends ever increasing sums of money removing graffiti and stencil drawings, the art form is experiencing a real explosion in Paris and other French cities.



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special form of short poems, led to a burst of shapes and colours unequalled in any other city in the world for their quality and for the well thought out character of the themes chosen, most often springing from French popular culture.

Stencilling is considered as an act of vandalism to other people's property. The City of Paris spends ever increasing sums of money on removing graffiti and stencil drawings. Despite this effort, Paris, as well as the rest of France, is

experiencing a real explosion of stencil graffiti (particularly in Strasbourg, Montpellier, Lyons, etc.), as are certain places abroad visited by stencil artists (the Netherlands, Portugal ...) and their local imitators.

Several trends can be noted in Parisian stencil drawings and these either depend on the socio-cultural origin of the artists or on political and social events.

Above all, unlike most graffiti or American "Tag" wall paintings, stencils are not the work of outcasts of society. Their work fits in with the urban reality in which they live. There are three main categories of practitioners: artists, political militants and teenagers.

Motivations for creating stencil art both in the choice of subject and in the place to paint it are very varied. The aim of stencil artists is not provocation or damage to public property and, in this way, they are unlike those who write their names on public transport in big cities. All stencil artists want their works to have a decorative function or a message, sometimes on several levels. The notion of Art for Art's sake is clearly present in most of the works which have been noted until now. The quality of the drawing, the choice of colours and faithfulness to certain forms of style show constant research, but the intermediary stages painted on walls are ephemeral.

Contemporary music, comic-strip heroes and film-stars provide the main subject-matter for teenagers, most of whom come from a wall-to-wall background. They mainly use paint sprays to make their pictures and the route followed by their works of art is very personal, often the road between home and school or their friends' homes.

At a time when everything is changing and everyone is in a hurry, it is good to take the time to look at some of these stencil drawings and to look at their sometimes subtle message. If a stencil painting is not quickly removed, it can remain on your itinerary for a long time as a symbol of life on the concrete of your housing estate.

Smugglers rob Greece's heritage

By Jennifer Pagonis

ATHENS, (Reuters): International smuggling rings are spiralling away millions of dollars of antiquities from Greece every year to private collections and robbing the country of its heritage.

Remote Byzantine churches are denuded of icons and frescoes ancient Amphoras are picked up off the sea floor by divers working from private yachts and museums are robbed of antiquities.

Culture Ministry officials who work closely with the Paris-based international police organisation, Interpol, pinpoint West Germany, the Netherlands and Britain as centres of the illegal export trade.

The stolen goods are transported out of Greece by private yacht, cars, trucks and planes concealed in luggage or other cargo, the officials say.

Police figures show 22 people were arrested last year for antiquities smuggling and 560 artifacts worth an estimated seven million dollars were confiscated.

But the numbers arrested reflect only a minor percentage of those actively engaged in the trade, ministry officials say.

Millions of dollars worth of antiquities and artifacts leave the country each year undetected and the problem is increasing, they say.

West Germany, where many Greeks work, is usually the first point of call, the officials say.

Byzantine antiquities director at the Culture Ministry

Isidoros Kakoutis said that Greeks and foreigners are involved.

A popular summertime smuggling route is by private yacht from the Ionian islands to the nearby Italian coast.

Stealing antiquities and works of art is a tricky business and networks are necessary to operate effectively, distinguished which articles are valuable and not well guarded, Kakoutis said.

West Germany, the Netherlands and Britain have not ratified the United Nations Educational and Scientific Organisation (UNESCO) convention on the illegal traffic of cultural property.

Under the convention, articles must have documentation stating from which country they have been exported. If they fail to have the correct documents they are turned back at the customs point.

Convention

Thirty of an eligible 150 countries have ratified the convention, including Greece, the United States and Canada and, among West European countries, Italy and Spain.

"Our reservation with the UN initiative was that it might hamper (the execution) of existing European measures against smuggling," a spokesman for the West German Foreign Ministry said in Bonn.

Existing local and European measures were sufficient, he said, and this was why West Germany had not ratified the convention.

The national union of Ger-



Millions of dollars worth of antiquities leave Greece each year.

man Art and Antiquities had promulgated a 'basic law of ethics' in May 1986 that ruled out participation in the illegal antiquities trade, he added.

Ratification of the convention would pose legal and administrative problems, a British embassy spokesman in Athens said.

"New law would be required to bring it into effect. We do have a code of practice operated by the art business which we believe safeguards stolen art," he added.

The Netherlands has said it would be ready to ratify the convention in 1989.

Sophisticated

Culture Ministry officials say they have good relations with the famous British auction houses Sotheby's and Christies who will advise them if they think antiquities offered for sale are stolen.

Efforts to stop the illegal trade are hampered by inadequate funding for guards and an ineffective 1931 law governing punishment, the officials say.

"The law must be modernised because the situation has

changed since 1931," said Evi Lalapanou, an expert at the Culture Ministry.

Thieves had become more sophisticated, using modern technology, like metal detectors, which the outdated law did not cover, Lalapanou said.

A new law placed before parliament last year advocating tougher punishments has not yet been passed.

Stopping the illegal trade is hard enough, but even more difficult is getting the stolen items returned.

"We are like detectives," Lalapanou said describing how Culture Ministry staff search through catalogues of auction sales looking for stolen antiquities.

Each year the Greek government pays thousands of dollars to lawyers operating on their behalf trying to recover the stolen goods.

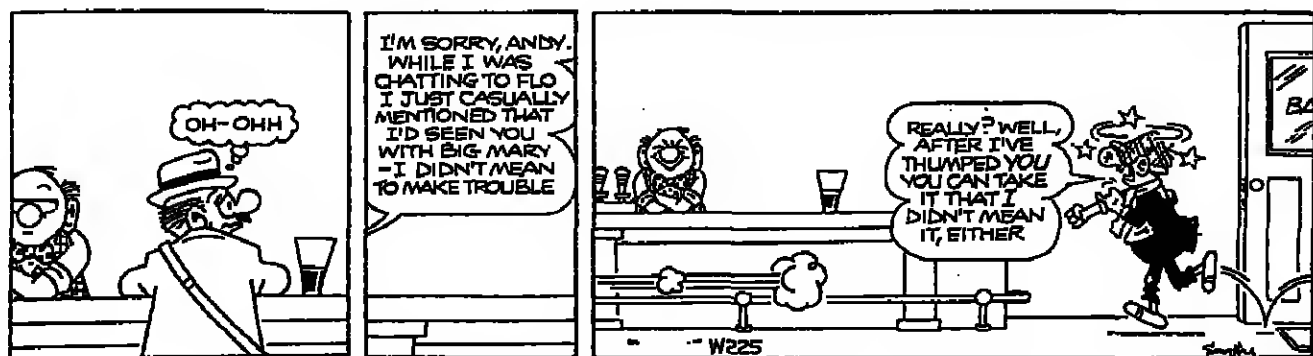
It is an expensive, time-consuming and difficult business.

Once the item is discovered, generally an appeal has to be made to the courts to prove that it was stolen, and is from Greece.

Some cases last for years.

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By Smith



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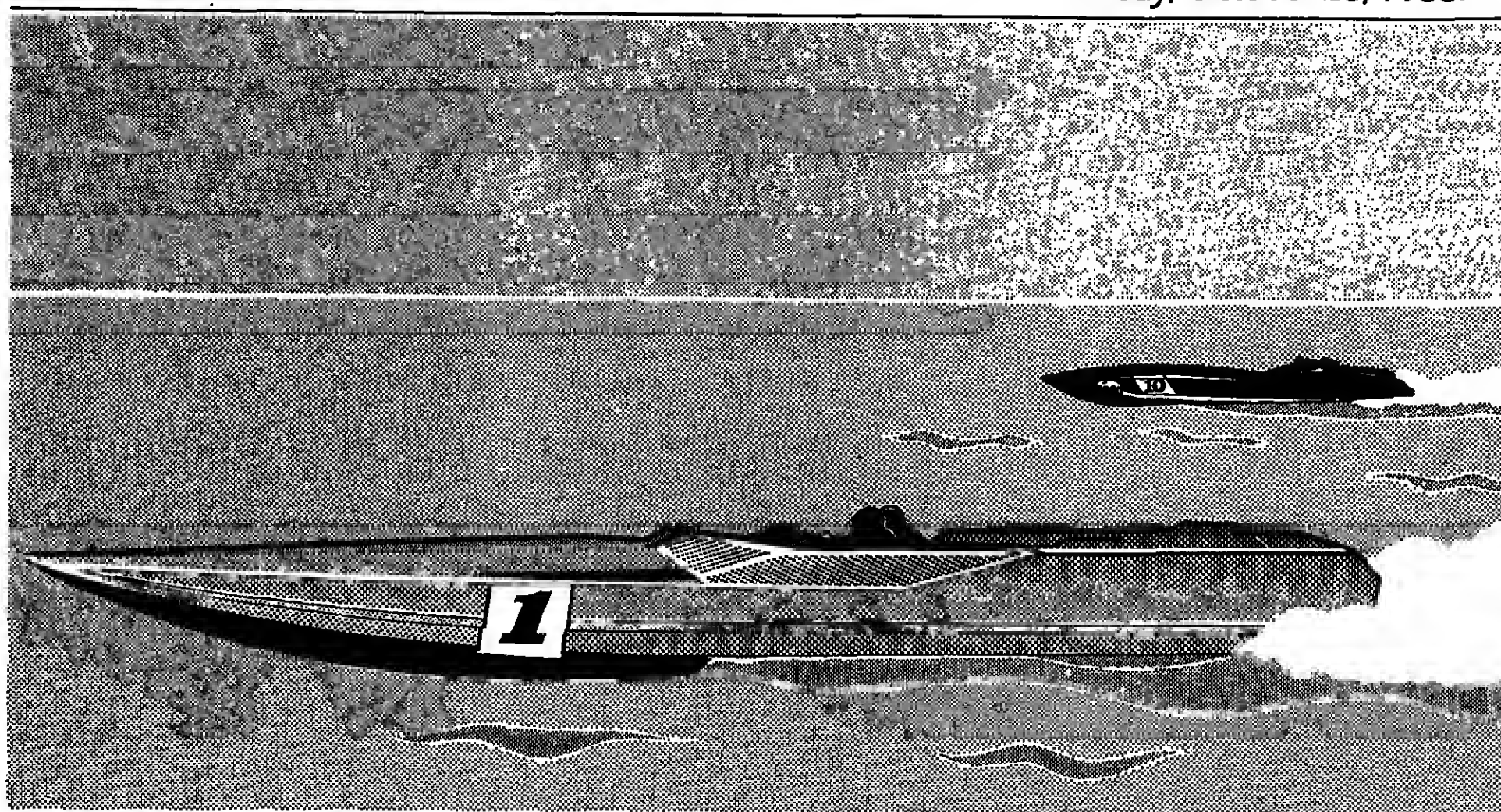
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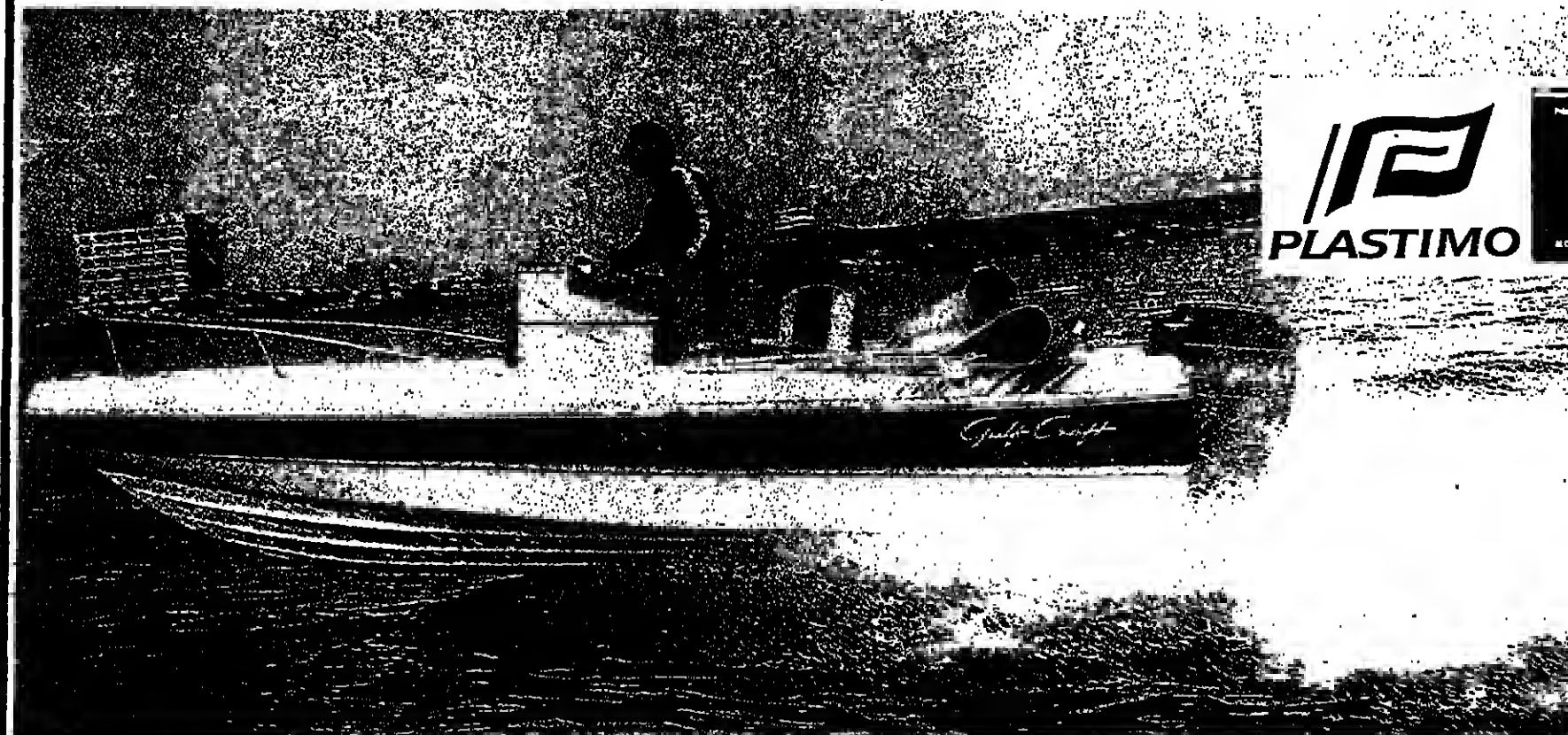


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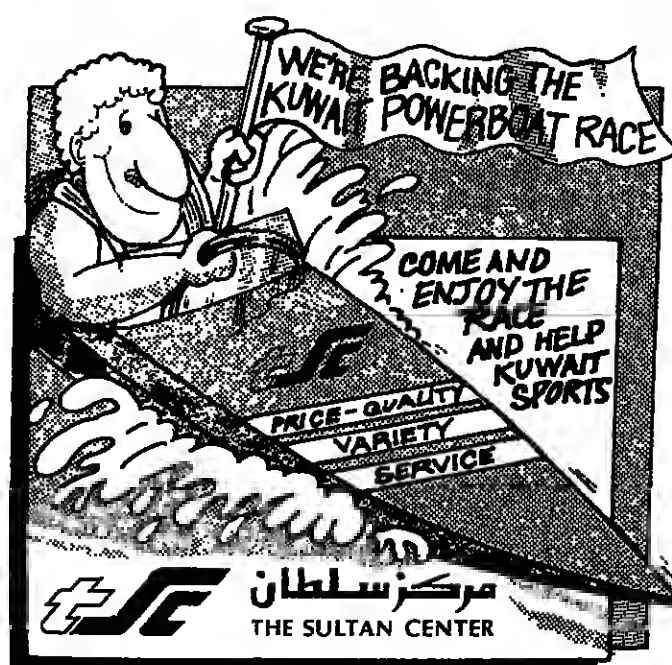


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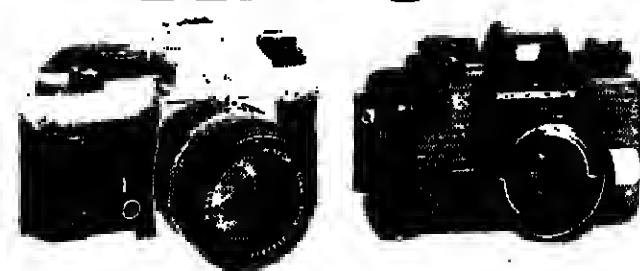
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Year after the crash, economy sound but world changed

The first casualty was investor confidence

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Two hours into the Monday morning business day last October 19, many of the economic assumptions of a whole generation went up in smoke.

"A year after the crash, much has changed. The world is different," said Robert Farrell, chief market strategist for Merrill Lynch Co.

As the stock market went into its Black Monday freefall, the first casualty was investor confidence. The belief in a large, liquid and relatively safe stock market was shattered, as Wall Street floundered amid unfilled orders and plummeting prices.

Also battered in those early hours on Monday was the perception of the United States as the premier economic power.

When the market fell, the world looked hopefully to Japan for stability, not to the United

States whose gaping budget and trade deficits were blamed as a factor in the crash.

Any old ideas that a single country can insulate itself from the world economy were swept aside. Americans woke up to newscasts about market activity in Japan, Britons nervously awaited Wall Street's opening each day and Japanese watched with alarm as the Hong Kong exchange plunged and closed its doors. The world markets moved as a global 24-hour tidal wave.

The crash also drowned another cherished belief — that the stock market is a key business barometer. Expected to herald a slump, the crash is now seen as merely the bursting of a speculative bubble — a market phenomenon relatively unrelated to a still-expanding world economy.

"The major ingredient that led

to the stock-market crash was corrected by the crash — extreme overvaluation of stocks," said Gary Ciminero of Fleet/Norstar Financial Group.

Prices had been pumped to unrealistic levels on all world markets by cash from the long economic expansion coupled with free bank reserves. "The stock market's bull run prompted a lot of small investors to take their savings out of their deposit accounts and try their luck on the horse without knowing anything about the market," said Fernando Canales, an analyst at Madrid's Stock Exchange, which took its biggest fall last October 20.

In West Germany, Werner Michael Waldeck, managing director of the Frankfurt Exchange, said: "For investors, the crash has obviously still not been digested. But from my point

of view, the crash is history."

But it may also be seen as a turning point in history — when America began an overdue switch to being a nation of exporters not the world's biggest spender. Chastened by the crash, Americans may be learning to accept a lower standard of living.

The crash may represent the end of the go-go years, especially for the affluent," said David Meer of Daniel Yankelovich Group Inc., a leading US consumer polling concern. "That feeling of open-ended possibilities about where personal gain could go is over."

Punch

The crash has delivered its punch with a velvet glove, not the hammer blows some expected. That may reflect the fact that few own shares directly and the rise in share values had been so quick it had not yet been counted as part

of individual wealth.

Even so Meer said, polls show the crash was "a major psychological event," which has dampened demand for luxury goods and added to wariness among consumers. Economists and US trading partners applaud the signs of slower US consumption, because it eases the trade deficit and cools an economy that was heating up too fast and threatening inflation.

"Consumer spending has slowed from a run to a walk, just what we needed," said Merrill Lynch economist Donald Srauszheim.

But there is a deeper worry that spending slowdown indicates that a long feared day of reckoning is coming for many Americans struggling with heavy debts. If so, the crash could be just the first of a number of shocks.

An immediate threat is a worsening of crisis in the southwest United States where \$50 billion is already needed to bail out failing "thrifts" — savings and home loan institutions — hurt by plummeting real estate values.

"The action moves from the stock market to the real estate market," said Charles Kindleberger, an economic historian. "When the stock market falls, the people speculating in real estate point to the stock market and say those suckers bought the wrong thing. But real estate goes down more slowly."

A general real estate slide would be similar to a devastating plunge in commodity prices which broadened the impact of the 1929 stock market crash.

The legacy of an America borrowing too much remains one of the stark reminders of the crash.

Politburo considers slashing Soviet budget

MOSCOW, Oct. 9. (AP): Pravda said today the ruling Politburo is considering cutting the budget of the Soviet Union, which reportedly is running a deficit of more than \$100 billion.

Despite plans to "reduce expenses in all areas of the economy," the 12-man Politburo decided in discussion on Thursday of the 1989 budget to improve supplies of food and consumer goods, the Communist Party daily said. It did not elaborate.

Consumers surrounded Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on a visit last month to Siberia and complained loudly that his plans for perestroika, or restructuring of the economy and social life, have not solved chronic shortages of food and housing. Pravda said the Politburo, the ruling body of the Communist Party, discussed "steps to make the ruble a convertible currency." It did not explain further.

Convertible

Some Soviet economists have argued for making the ruble convertible, that is capable of transfer into other currencies on the world market, to remove a major stumbling block to trade. But this likely would cause runaway inflation because its value would drop.

Without accompanying increases in the prices of goods and services, making the ruble convertible could cause the Soviet Union to lose money on its exports. Soviet prices historically have had little relation to production costs.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya (Soviet Russia) reported last month that the country is running a budget deficit of at least 73 billion rubles (\$116 billion this year). The US budget deficit is \$150 billion. Sovetskaya Rossiya blamed the deficit on the high cost of cleaning up the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, lower income to the state from slashed vodka sales and the falling price of oil. The Soviet Union is the world's biggest oil exporter.

South Yemen to seek foreign investment

KUWAIT, Oct. 9. (Reuters): South Yemeni President Haider Abubakar Al Attas said his country was studying ways to attract foreign investment.

He told a local daily in remarks published today Aden sought to revive a foreign investment law passed several years ago but never implemented.

"We are discussing ways and means of making this law effective," he said. "We are discussing the removal of obstacles which may obstruct investment."

Reserves

South Yemen is developing newly discovered oil reserves with Soviet help and hopes to begin exporting more than 50,000 barrels per day (BPD) by the end of the next year.

Attas said South Yemen had "closed the file" on bloody fighting in early 1986 that ousted former President Ali Nasser Mohammed, now living in exile. "Many people (supporters of Ali Nasser) have returned and many are returning and things are going well at present, and national unity is strengthening," he said.

The government offered amnesty to all but 108 of the ex-president's backers who were tried for high treason. Ali Nasser and 34 followers were sentenced to death last year.

Amman retains respectable world credit rating

Jordanian economy heads for tougher times

AMMAN, Oct. 9. (Reuters): Like an athlete on muscle-building drugs, Jordan's economy has long ingested lavish doses of Arab aid, remittances and deficit finance to boost performance.

But officials and economists say the kingdom can no longer afford to live beyond its limited means, hoping for better times around the corner. No Middle East oil boom is about to recur. "We are effectively a Gulf economy, but Gulf economies have slowed down much more than the Jordanian economy," Central Bank Deputy Governor Maher Shukri told Reuters in an interview.

"Government intervention has ensured a smooth reduction in growth rates so far, but things promise to be much more difficult," he said. "We should talk of real, deep structural changes — and the government will try to introduce them in time."

An uninvited visitor watching luxury imported cars cruise the well-swept streets of downtown Amman might well mistake resource-strapped Jordan for a wealthy oil-producer.

Sluggish

Jordan, one Western diplomat said, had kept inflation down, contained unemployment and achieved very modest aggregate growth, though this had been outstripped by rapid population increase.

But foreign reserves had run down, the budget deficit had ballooned and private sector activity remained sluggish. "Despite some good economic

management, Jordan is finally feeling the downturn in the Gulf that began in 1982," he said.

Jordan retains a respectable international credit rating and expects soon to conclude a \$200 million syndicated loan, its first since a \$150 million credit in March 1987.

Saudi Arabia has kept up its annual aid of almost \$360 million, and a senior official told Reuters yesterday the United Arab Emirates would give Jordan \$100 million.

But stress symptoms are appearing. Debt service ratio has reached 18 per cent, according to Shukri, who said a bulge in repayments of development loans due in the next five years "might cause some difficulties."

Taiwan's stock market booming

Economy still humming as jobless rate slows

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Oct. 9. The year 1987 was an unusual one in the process of Taiwan's economic development. Despite the rise of many social and political movements, including an unprecedented number of public demonstrations, Taiwan nevertheless experienced a prosperous year with a very high rate of economic growth, a considerable degree of price stability, a very low unemployment rate, and a huge trade surplus.

Furthermore, stock prices rose drastically and the new Taiwan dollar sharply appreciated against the US dollar. The growth rate of Taiwan's economy in 1987 was 11.2 per cent, one of the highest recorded growth rates in the world, and even surpassed the 10.82 per cent recorded in 1986. This double-figure growth rate was mainly attributable to the rapid growth of exports rather than an increase in domestic demand, the contribution of the former being 116.5 per cent and that of the latter 95.7 per cent.

Demand

As far as domestic demand was concerned, in 1987 private consumption expenditure increased by 10.8 per cent, government consumption expenditure increased 4.9 per cent, and gross fixed capital formation increased by 20.4 per cent.

In foreign trade, the real exports of goods and services increased by 19.1 per cent, while the real imports of goods and services increased by 24.3 per cent. As a result, Taiwan experienced a huge trade surplus, reaching \$18.76 billion. This led

in turn to the rapid appreciation of the Taiwan dollar against the US dollar, with a revaluation of as much as 24.3 per cent in 1987 alone.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 11.1 per cent in 1987, and of its components, manufacturing increased by 13.49 per cent, utilities such as electricity, water, and gas by 13.93 per cent, and construction by 9.52 per cent. There was also a corresponding increase in the provision of services.

Due to the lag effect of the rapid revaluation of the Taiwan dollar against the US dollar, and the results of increased social and political unrest, the growth rates of exports and GDP have shown a tendency to decline since the fourth quarter of 1987.

According to recent estimates, the growth rates of GDP were 6.46 per cent and 5.68 per cent in the first and second quarters of 1988, respectively.

During the same period, among the components of GDP, private consumption expenditure increased by 10.73 per cent and 11.19 per cent, government consumption expenditure increased by 11.35 per cent and 8.85 per cent, gross fixed capital formation expenditure increased by 15.55 per cent and 16.18 per cent, exports increased by 10.83 per cent and 5.73 per cent, and imports increased by 33.75 per cent and 15.92 per cent, respectively.

As a result of the rapid increase in imports, the trade surplus during the first half of 1988 rose by only \$4.4 billion, which was sig-

nificantly less than for the corresponding period in 1987.

Although the prices of land and housing have continued to rise substantially since the winter of 1986, and in spite of the rapid rise in stock prices which has resulted in the stock price index having more than doubled in the first six months of this year alone, such an upward trend has not yet been reflected in the general price level.

For instance, the consumer price index rose by 0.80 per cent in the first quarter of 1988 and by 0.10 per cent in the second quarter, while the wholesale price index fell by 2.74 per cent and 3.35 per cent, respectively, during the same period.

As for the unemployment rate, the number of jobless had fallen to 1.7 per cent by the end of the first half of 1988.

Taiwan is currently faced with four major issues that are closely related to its economic stability and growth. These are the huge trade surplus, particularly with the United States; trade with the Chinese mainland; the labour movement and environmental protection. These four issues have greatly troubled policymakers and businessmen.

Reserves

The huge stockpile of foreign exchange reserves has also caused the domestic money supply to increase by 47 per cent in 1987 and by 34 per cent during the first two quarters of 1988. This has created an inflationary threat, and the rapid appreciation of the Taiwan dollar up to February 1988 has resulted in many small businesses going

bankrupt.

The underground trade between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland by means of third countries has already existed for many years, but in the past it did not draw the attention of the public as it was considered to be an illegal activity subject to strict control. Two years ago, however, trading activities between the two areas via Hong Kong and other Asian countries began to show a marked increase.

Development

Employers and employees have long maintained a harmonious relationship in Taiwan. There is free labour mobility. Employees may move from one factory to another in order to achieve a higher salary, and the bosses have to raise salaries in accordance with market conditions and improve working conditions in order to maintain stable production.

In order to reduce the dependence of Taiwan's exports to the US market, the government has recently emphasised the importance of diversifying export markets, and has undertaken many measures to improve trade relations with other areas.

The government has embarked on the so-called fourteen major development projects for more than four years. To cope with recent developments, the government has decided to increase investment in tourism, recreation, and entertainment services, and to expand facilities for wholesome recreational activities in order to enhance overall quality of life.

around 325,000 Jordanian migrants, many of whom are of Palestinian origin, have virtually dried up because of political and economic uncertainty.

"People in the Gulf are sending home only enough for immediate family needs," one banker said.

Shukri said remittances had fallen, partly for seasonal reasons but by the end of August still averaged 15 per cent more than last year, thanks to a surge in the first quarter.

Since April the dinar has lost almost 12 per cent of its value against the dollar at official rates, but moneychangers quote the currency around 10 per cent lower.

Shukri described the gap as a temporary aberration.

Group of 77 seeks North-South talks by '90

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 9. (Reuters): The Group of 77 nations will seek a special General Assembly session re-opening the 'North-South' dialogue to begin no later than 1990, the organisation's chairman said on Wednesday.

Ahmed Ghezal of Tunisia told a news conference there was presently a "general mood in favour of constructive dialogue" for industrialised "northern" nations to address the economic concerns of developing countries.

"We should not miss this opportunity," Ghezal said. Asked why the Group of 77 was nevertheless content to wait up to two years for the resumption of formal discussions, Ghezal said time was needed to adequately prepare for them.

"We are not asking for a special session just to get together and to resume the dialogue with no substance — an empty dialogue. We want a substantive dialogue," he said.

Asked what arguments less developed nations could bring to bear once such talks resume, Ghezal said improved economic conditions in poorer countries would benefit all nations, and creditor nations in particular.

"Without development the South will never be able to pay back its debt," said Ghezal, his country's ambassador to the United Nations.

"How does the North expect to be paid if there is no growth in the South?" he said.

US unemployment rate is 'welcome news for economy'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (Reuters): A drop in the unemployment rate in 5.4 per cent suggests that the US economy is growing at a moderate pace — welcome news for Republican George Bush a month before the presidential election.

The report from the Labour Department on Friday that unemployment dropped last month from a rate of 5.6 per cent in August sparked rallies in the stock and bond markets.

Growth

The economy created 255,000 new jobs, an increase from 169,000 in August. While the gains were strong, they probably will not cause the Federal Reserve Board to clamp down on credit, analysts said.

They said excessive growth would threaten inflation and force the central bank to raise

interest rates sharply.

"It shows the economy slowed from a pell mell rate to only a solid rate. Inflation is likely to worsen more slowly now," Charles Lieberman of Manufacturers Hanover Bank said.

President Reagan, speaking in Michigan, made the point that the economy was in good shape heading into the election on Nov. 8.

He compared the economy to a Grand Prix racer and said "the way to keep it on track is to give George Bush and Dan Quayle the checkered flag."

The markets reacted favourably to the unemployment report. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up more than 40 points. Among shares gaining issues outnumbered losers three to one in heavy volume.

Prices of US Treasury bonds closed sharply higher.

World Business Summary

US bond market rallies sharply

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (UPI): The bond market rallied sharply on Friday to end the week higher after a favourable September employment report calmed inflation fears by suggesting the pace of the nation's economic growth remains under control. Prices surged on news of September's smaller-than-expected gain of 255,000 non-farm payroll jobs. The Labour Department also said the August gain was 169,000 non-farm jobs, a downward revision of 50,000 jobs. The yield on the Treasury's bellwether 9-1/8 per cent bond that matures in 2018 slipped to 8.80 per cent from 8.98 per cent a week ago. Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc.'s index of long-term Treasury bonds climbed 19.16 points to 1266.68. "The September employment report relieved market participants' (inflation) fears by offering evidence of continuing economic deceleration," Salomon Brothers said in its weekly credit-market comments, adding that the confirmation that economic growth is slowing "may foster a more positive tone near-term."

"Moreover, the moderate tone of Friday's employment news suggests that upcoming economic data will not immediately challenge the market's recent gains," Salomon Brothers said.

Many market participants have now shifted their focus to the next important economic indicator, figures on the US merchandise trade deficit for August due to be released next Thursday.

Fertilizer plant commissioned

NEW DELHI, Oct. 9. (KUNA): The gas-based fertilizer plant of Indo-Gulf Chemical Corporation has been commissioned in a record period and ahead of schedule. The project, set up at Jagdishpur in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, has been completed at much less cost than what was projected earlier. The company had made a public issue of Rs 800 million in equity share of Rs 10 each in December 1986 for financing partly the Rs 7,200 million fertilizer complex. The foundation stone of the complex was laid by the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984. The project is designed to produce 445,000 tonnes of ammonia per year. Natural gas supplied by the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) through Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) pipeline is used as a feed stock for the manufacture of ammonia and urea. The complex is having its own power generation stations, which will generate power to meet its full energy requirements.

According to Aditya Birla, vice-chairman of the Indo-Gulf Fertilizer Corporation, the plant is most sophisticated and will not require much time to achieve its full rated capacity. The Italian-based firm Snamprogetti, was in charge of the overall management of the project. The company will have an assured fast growing market. Its plant is located in Indo-Gangetic plain, an area with high demand potential for urea, providing an edge to the company in marketing. It will be selling its urea under its own brand name which is already popular in many Indian states.

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Foreign assets growing

Banks' aggregate balance sheet totals KD12.835b

AIT, Oct 9, (KUNA): The Central Bank of Kuwait said the aggregate balance sheet of local commercial and Islamic banks totalled 12.835 billion last month, an increase of 1.1 per cent over the previous month.

The increase in assets resulted from a growth of KD71 million in foreign assets, KD35 million in local banks' balances and KD12 million in credit facilities to residents. The CBK said.

The domestic investments of banks recorded a slight increase of KD25 million (KD19 million in commercial banks' investments and KD6 million in Islamic banks' investments).

The rise in the aggregate

balance sheet of local banks was most pronounced in their foreign liabilities (KD109.4 million) and in other liabilities (KD64 million).

This rise was due to an increase in the CBK claims on these banks in the form of discounts and KD deposits. There was also an increase of KD26 million in government deposits with them — particularly with the specialised banks, whereas the private sector deposits declined by KD66 million below their level in previous month.

The private sector KD-denominated deposits with commercial banks declined at varied rates below their level in the previous month. There was a 6.6 per cent (KD39.9 million) drop in sight deposits, a 2.2 per cent (KD14.3 million) decrease in savings deposits and a 1.7 per

cent decline (KD37.8 million) in time deposits. Deposits denominated in foreign currencies grew in August and for the third consecutive month by 7.4 per cent (KD77 million).

In August, the average KD exchange rate against the US dollar fell 0.44 per cent below their level in the previous month. The US dollar exchange rate ranged between 282.49 fils and 285.07 fils, a monthly average of 283.85 fils, the release noted.

The CBK added against other major currencies, the KD exchange rate had a mixed performance. It increased against the Swiss franc, the French franc, the Deutsche mark and the Italian lira by 2.90 per cent, 2.37 per cent, 2.03 per cent and 1.72 per cent respectively. The KD exchange rate decreased slightly

against the pound sterling by 0.66 per cent and the Japanese yen by 0.57 per cent.

In August the KD exchange rate was generally more stable than the US dollar exchange rate. The KD exchange rate rose at rates less than those of the US dollar exchange rate against the same currencies. For example, the KD exchange rate rose 3.37 per cent, 2.82 per cent and 2.48 per cent against the Swiss franc, the French franc and the Deutsche mark respectively.

At the end of August, the total balance of public debt instruments maintained its level of the previous month (KD1394.5 million), KD770 million for treasury bills and KD624.5 million for treasury bonds. The Central Bank of Kuwait offered for issues (issue No. 18 to issue No. 21) treasury bills total-

ling KD400 million. Meanwhile, four issues (issue No. 10 to issue No. 13) of these bills, also totalling KD400 million, have matured.

Interest rates last month on interbank KD deposits on most maturities decreased slightly from the previous month. These rates ranged between 1.45 per cent (from 6.40 per cent to 6.30 per cent) and 1.86 (from 6.48 per cent to 6.36 per cent) on three-month and nine-year deposits respectively.

Interest rates on US dollar deposits increased on all maturities at rates higher than those in the previous month, reaching, for example, 5.61 per cent (from 8.10 per cent to 8.55 per cent) on three-month deposits and 6.05 per cent (from 8.54 per cent to 9.05 per cent) on one-year deposits.

Kuwait dinar deposits drop

AIT, Oct 9, (Reuters): Kuwait dinar deposits fell as dollar selling swelled the market.

Usual on Sundays, the Central Bank kept its dinar exchange rate unchanged from Saturday at 65/75 to the dollar, with commercial banks quoting spot rates of around 0.2837/76.

Analysts predicted the dinar would be easier when international markets opened on Monday and sold the US dollar, dealers said.

Banks have built up long positions in recent weeks as dinar exchange rate slipped 20-month lows, drying up liquidity and firming rates.

Quiet

Normally quiet Sunday trading into activity late in the day and one-month funds fell to 6-3/8, 1/8 per cent seven, 6-3/4 per cent open ended funds as low as 6-1/2 to 6-3/4.

Three-month funds fell to 6-5/8, 1/8 per cent after dealing at 6-3/4, 1/2 per cent, while three and six-month funds slipped to 6-3/4, 1/4 per cent from Saturday's 6-7/8, 3/8 per cent.

Short rates were quiet at three-month levels from Saturday's 4-1/2 per cent. The Central Bank cut 5-1/4 per cent for two-month and 5-3/4 per cent for one-month, dealers said.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interdeposits were mainly in thin trade but one fund firmed slightly in response to borrowing demand in the kingdom and abroad.

Analysts said business was very quiet in a normal trend during European weekend, when offshore players are active.

Demand

They reported some demand for one-month funds, firmed 1/16 point to 8-13/16 per cent as banks took positions, taking advantage of Saturday's decline in the dollar early in the day.

The month, six-month and year funds were all steady at 6, 13/16 per cent, nine, 8-1/2 per cent and 9-1/8, 1/16 per cent respectively.

Next funds were at 8-3/4, 1/2 per cent, of riyal was little changed 04/02 to the dollar.

Interest Rates

AIT, Oct 9, (KUNA): The average KD rates of local interbank rates as reported by banks to the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

	Bid	Offered
6-5/8	7-3/16	
6-13/16	7-1/4	
6-11/16	7-3/16	
6-9/16	7	

Saudi aim to force OPEC discipline

AIT, Oct 9, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia aims to keep oil output until financial hardship forces OPEC members to accept a quota discipline, oil analysts in the Gulf said.

Saudi Arabia appears determined to keep oil output high as low until some heads are put within OPEC and the Saudis up behind the quota is one oil analyst.

Saudi Arabia also wants to share of the market at the end.

Rumours

Oil Minister Hisham said the official Saudi policy (SPA) on Saturday was that Saudi Arabia would not support OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and denied responsibility for low prices.

His remarks followed rumours in world oil markets that Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer, was planning to quit the 13-member group and would no longer defend its quota pact aimed at shoring up prices.

An oil glut caused by overproduction has forced world spot market prices to their lowest for two years. Midweek benchmark Dubai was on sale in London for \$9.20 a barrel last Friday, only just over half its official price.

"Saudi Arabia did not think of leaving OPEC and... still calls for the return to output levels and it will be the first to abide by them," SPA quoted Nazer as saying.

Many companies face serious staff shortages

Japanese firms hesitate to hire women

TOKYO, Oct 9, (Reuters): A shortage of college graduates has led to an undignified scramble among Japanese companies to recruit professional employees.

Police gentlemenly agreements have been thrown aside in the race to find workers. But the traditional barrier against hiring women still stands.

Suitable women graduates are available, but very few are considered, even if it means leaving posts vacant, students and employment advisers said.

"They are just obsessed with prejudice against women," said Eisuko Ikeda, who is studying business administration and economics at an American university.

Survey

"One leading consumer electronics maker told me they didn't care what I studied and asked me if I was willing to perform trivial duties like pouring tea and making photocopies," said Ikeda, who is looking for a job with a Japanese company to start after she graduates next summer.

Japanese companies have vacancies for more than 600,000 male graduates, according to a

recent survey by a private research institute. But there are only 200,000 male students available.

The survey shows that 60,000 women graduates are eligible for employment this year and that Japanese companies have vacancies for more than 85,000.

"However, most big companies want to hire women just as clerical workers," said Mariko Watanabe, an employment placement officer at Tokyo's Sophia University.

Many companies face serious staff shortages because male graduates are being snatched up by the big firms, Watanabe said.

"Most big firms are still too conservative to open their doors to female graduates wishing to do responsible jobs," she said.

Prospective

"One leading trading company told me they will not hire women as workers with any opportunity for promotion to executive positions," Ikeda said.

Part of the prejudice against women is fear on the employer's part that they will quit after they get married or have children.

But many job placement

officials say much of it is just traditionally male chauvinist attitudes.

Most prospective male graduates have already found lifetime employment long before the annual employment drive begins in September.

"This year, lots of students got informal job offers before the employment campaign began because companies in an expansionary economy were driven to catch the brightest students," said Sophia University's Watanabe.

An official of the Japan Federation of Employers' Association (JFEA) said competition for male graduates was so stiff this year that many companies resorted to virtually holding prospective employees "hostage" to prevent other firms from hiring them.

Trip

"Many students complained that a lot of companies took them on a trip or kept them in the office all day from August 20 so that they could not attend other companies' introductory meetings," said the JFEA official, who checks that companies keep

to the informal, so-called "recruitment agreement."

He said he received more than 400 calls reporting violations of the agreement.

Every year before the school year begins in April, industry representatives and university officials hold meetings to iron out details of the recruitment agreement.

Under this year's agreement, all Japanese and foreign companies were supposed to hold company introductory meetings from August 20 until September 4, interview students from September 5 until October 14, and offer them official employment contracts from October 15.

The work year usually starts on the following April 1, once the students graduate.

The system was set up in the 1950s by Education Ministry and the universities so that students seeking jobs were not disturbed in their studies and enjoyed equal employment opportunities, an Education Ministry official said.

"The recruitment agreement is considered only a formality by most companies and students, however," Watanabe said.

OPEC prize aims to encourage research

THE arbitration panel formed to choose the winners of OPEC's annual research prize held its first meeting yesterday at the headquarters of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The topic of the 1988 prize is "Practical applications of organic geochemistry and their impact on discovering new petroleum reserves in the Arab world."

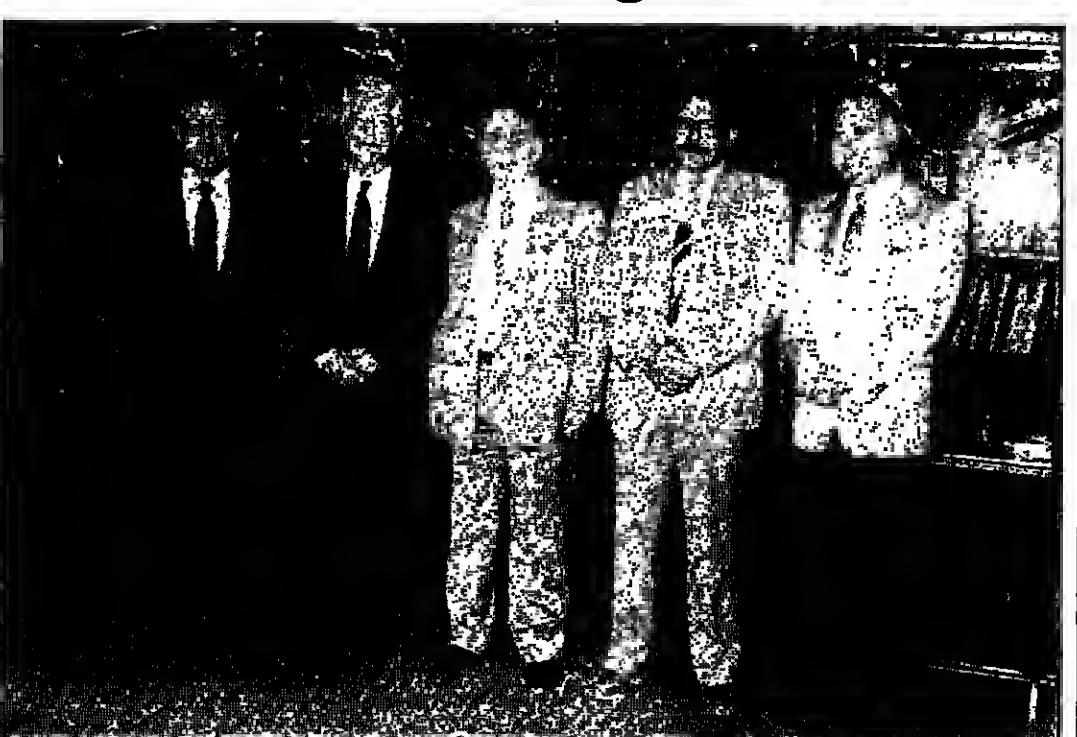
The purpose of the prize is to encourage new research that will promote operations and improve the economics of the energy and petroleum sector in the Arab world.

The panel is composed of Abdelaziz Alwattari, OPEC's acting secretary-general and chairman of the panel, Dr Ziad Beydoun of the American University in Beirut, Dr Abdul Qadir Abid of the Jordanian University, Abdulatif Zarug, director of OPEC's Technical Affairs Department and Dr Mukhtar Lababidi, petroleum expert (exploration and production) at OPEC.

Alwattari said the OPEC prize is merely designed to encourage research, which requires enormous manpower and financial resources and positive political and social attitudes to enable it to solve the problems facing the petroleum industry.

The acting secretary-general added that institutional research and development constitute one of the pillars of technological progress in the Arab world, which seeks to enhance self-reliance in all industrial and agricultural pursuits.

Compared to international



Abdelaziz Alwattari, OPEC's acting secretary-general (centre), is shown with other members of the panel.

public and private petroleum corporations, the Arab world has a long way to go in developing its petroleum industry, which

depends on original research leading to tangible economic results, he said.

The panel agreed on the scientific standards by which the research projects will be judged and agreed to continue meeting today.

\$47m IFC loan for Venezuelan firm

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct 9, (AP): The International Financial Corporation (IFC), the World Bank's private sector financing arm, approved a \$47 million loan to a Venezuelan petrochemicals firm, the state news agency Venpres reported yesterday.

The loan was made to Polipropileno de Venezuela S.A. — Propilven, a joint venture between the state petrochemicals firm Pequiven (49 per cent) and Japanese firm (51 per cent) and private Venezuelan investors (56 per cent).

Battered Turkish lira seen set to follow downward path

ANKARA, Oct 9, (Reuters): Turkey's currency has fallen sharply against the dollar this year and market dealers said on Friday a further slide was inevitable.

Dealers said they expected the lira's official rate to decline to around 2,100 to the dollar by the end of 1988, compared with 1,718 now and 1,020 at the end of last year.

Factors behind the fall are seen as increased liquidity in the banking system and inflation, which hit an eight-year high of 81.8 per cent in September, double the September 1987 figure.

"Liquidity is high and a further lira depreciation can be expected," Yilmaz Karakoyunlu, general manager of Istanbul's Atlas Dviz A.S. Foreign Exchange Bureau, told Reuters.

"We estimate the lira's official rate at between 2,070 and 2,140 to the dollar by the end of the year," he said.

Bankers said the official rate was set daily by commercial

KUWAIT						
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.090	1.100	1.100	1.090	570000	9
-GULF BANK	0.435	0.430	0.430	0.430	150000	3
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	440000	15
-ABLI BANK	0.385	0.380	0.380	0.380	30000	1
-B.K.M.E	0.400	0.395	0.395	0.395	30000	1
-K.R.E.B.	0.395	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.315	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.HOUSE	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	285000	13
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
-COM. FACILITIES	0.490	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KUT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.450	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KUT R. EST. CO.	0.234	---	---	---	---	---
-UNI R. EST. CO.	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
-NAT R. EST. CO.	0.204	---	---	---	---	---
-SALHIAN R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT PROJECTS	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.088	240000	4
-KUT R.E.I. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT M.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
-M.A.N.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	20000	1
-K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT. MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-K.S.H. REF. CO.	0.042	0.043	0.043	0.043	80000	1
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.W.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-P. WAREHOUSING	0.162	---	---	---	---	---
-CON. MKT. CHPX.	0.018	---	---	---	---	---
-MOBILE TELE.	0.360	0.360	0.360	0.360	20000	2
-KUT COMPUTER	0.178	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTO FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTO POULTRY	0.226	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT FOODS	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR						
-BNN. INTER. BK	0.068	---	---	---	---	---
-B.H.N. EAST. BK	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	80000	1
-UNTO GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.106	0.104	0.104	0.104	1060000	11
-A.G. INV. CORP	0.035	---	---	---	---	---
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-B.K.I.G.	0.071	---	---	---	---	---
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-GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INTL. INS.	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
-ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
-SHARJAH INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF UNION INS.	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B-GULF MEDICAL	0.029	---	---	---	---	---
-C-R.K. WHITE CHMT	0.024	---	---	---	---	---
-O-ARJAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
-F-UJAIRAH CEMENT	0.008	---	---	---	---	---
-S-ADJMAN CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
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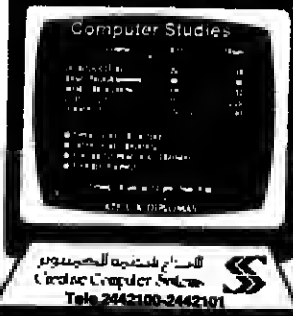
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Connors crashes to Hlasek

ASLE, Switzerland, Oct 9. (Reuters) Second seeded Jimmy Connors crashed 6-4 3-6 6-1 to Swiss sixth seed Jakob Hlasek in the semifinals of the Basle Tennis Grand Prix yesterday while top seeded Stefan Edberg needed three sets to secure his passage.

Connors, 12 years older than Hlasek, started tentatively and as rarely a match for the Swiss, ranked 27th in the world.

The Prague-born 24-year-old Davis Cup player simply took up where he left off on Friday when he produced an inspired display to oust third seed Aaron Krickorian of the US, to become the first Swiss finalist in the tournament's 15-year history.

Raised

Wimbledon champion Edberg recovered from a shaky start to beat fellow-Swede Jonas Svensson 2-6 6-3 6-2.

Svensson, world ranked 18th, took the first set easily in 24 minutes and looked on course to create another upset. But Edberg, third in the world, raised the game to ease through to this evening's final and justify his top seeding.

Mayotte wins Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Oct 9. (Reuters) Top seed Tim Mayotte wrapped up the Queensland Open tennis tournament today with a comfortable straight sets win over fellow American Marty Davis.

Mayotte, ranked number nine in the world, earned \$40,000 with a 6-4 6-4 victory in just 80 minutes.

Service

He broke Davis' serve in the fourth game of the first set to lead 4-3 before serving out the set. He then took his opponent's second service game in the second set for a 2-1 lead.

Davis broke back to level at 3-3 but dropped his serve in the next leaving Mayotte to go on to take the title.

Show-jumping event

OKYO, Oct 9. (AP) Greg McDermott of Australia won the regular competition and John Little of New Zealand took the speed and handiness events today in the 1988 Tokyo International horse show-jumping tournament.

McDermott took his title with a penalty, followed by Japan's Shingara Sakurai and West Germany's Peter Luther, each with one penalty point.

LAYENDECKER STUNS PUGH

Pernfors upsets Curren for final

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Oct 9. (Reuters) Mikael Pernfors of Sweden came back from losing the first set to defeat American Kevin Curren and reach the finals of the \$415,000 Scottsdale Grand Prix men's tennis tournament yesterday.

The third-seeded Pernfors' 4-6 6-2 6-3 victory was the result as much on Curren's lack of confidence as the tactics of the 24th-ranked Swede.

Best

Pernfors' final-round opponent today was to be unseeded American qualifier, Glen Layendecker, enjoying his best result since a runner-up finish in Bristol, England, in 1985.

Layendecker ranked 206, upset unseeded American, Jim Pugh, ranked 71, 3-6 6-4 6-1.

Curren, ranked 23, who had lost all three previous encounters with Pernfors, began strongly in the opening set, putting in solid first serves and volleys.

Both players held serve easily until the eighth game of the set when Pernfors double-faulted

and fought off a break point as Curren missed a forehand. Curren did not capitalise then but broke the Swede two games later to win the set, as Pernfors put up a short lob which the American smashed away.

Curren had chances to go up to 2-0 in the second set, but played nervously and failed to take advantage of three break points in the second game. Instead it was Pernfors who broke through for a 4-3 lead, then broke Curren again for 5-3 as the second seed mis-hit a forehand into the stands.

Pernfors served out the second set, winning it when Curren hit a forehand return long.

Pernfors broke Curren in the first game of the third set but surprised himself by dropping serve in the next game. The setback was short-lived as Curren continued to be distracted by spectators, while Pernfors used perfect concentration and an even more perfect offensive lob to forge a 5-3 lead.

Pernfors broke Curren at love for the match, 6-3, as Curren



Pernfors: fought back for victory netted a forehand off a low backhand return.

Curren said, "I was in a position to go up 3-0 in the second set but I was not tough enough. I got a

little bit tight."

Pernfors was surprised at the way the momentum swung around.

"It just turned right over — from him being so far up to worrying about what was going on on the court and in the stands," Pernfors said.

Layendecker, a left-handed serve and volleyer, had trouble with Pugh's steady ground strokes in the first set but rebounded in the second, breaking Pugh in the seventh game, and serving out the set 6-4 as Pugh hit a backhand long.

The higher ranked Pugh seemed to lose all confidence in the third set, dropping serve at love in the opening game with a forehand volley into the net. Layendecker took control with his first serve to dominate the remainder of the match, breaking Pugh for a 6-1 victory with a forehand winner.

New York defeat Los Angeles

NEW YORK, Oct 9. (Reuters) The New York Mets had Dodge ace relief pitcher Jay Howell thrown out of the game in the eighth inning for using tar on the ball and then scored five runs to win and take a 2-1 lead in the National League playoff series yesterday.

The 8-4 victory came on a cold and drizzly day, which Howell said prompted him to use pine tar for a better grip on the baseball.

Protested

Los Angeles was leading 4-3 going into the eighth inning when Mets manager Davey Johnson stopped the game with the count 3-2 to Kevin McReynolds and protested to home plate umpire Joe West, claiming that Howell was using pine tar, an illegal substance.

West immediately signalled to the umpire crew chief who examined Howell's glove. He found the pine tar, noted for giving a better grip on the ball than resin, which is allowed by the rules.

Alejandro Pena replaced Howell and completed the walk to McReynolds. With two outs, Wally Backman doubled into the gap in right centrefield, scoring Johnson with the tying run.

Pinch-hitter Lenny Dykstra walked, prompting the Dodgers to bring in Orosco, who gave up a single to Mookie Wilson, scoring Backman for a 5-4 lead.

another Dodger reliever with a two-run, bloop single to put the Mets up 8-4.

The Dodgers went out in order in the ninth inning.

Howell said he knew the pine tar was illegal, but said just his glove should have been thrown out of the game and he should have been allowed to continue pitching.

Stolen

National League president Bart Giamatti would not say whether he would suspend Howell for the infraction.

Game four of the series was scheduled this evening.

The Dodgers scored two second inning runs on one hit and two walks. Mets first baseman Keith Hernandez helped the

Dodgers with a throwing error and Jeff Hamilton scored the other run on a ground out.

Los Angeles made it 3-0 in the top of the third on a single, a stolen base, and two infield outs.

The Mets got on the scoreboard in the third inning when Gregg Jefferies singled and Darryl Strawberry doubled.

The Mets picked up two more in the sixth inning on four hits and two Dodgers errors.

Mets manager Davey Johnson credited team batting instructor Bill Robinson with catching Howell with the pine tar.

"I saw him (Howell) tugging on his glove and I asked (the home plate umpire) to check his glove. They found some outside the glove and some inside the mitt," Johnson said.

NEW YORK, OCT 9 (AP) — Five years and 44 games, Columbia University finally tasted the thrill of victory with a 16-13 win over Princeton yesterday.

Greg Abruzzese ran for 182 yards and Solomon Johnson scored from two yards out with 5:13 to play as the Columbia Lions, losers since 1983, amazed 5,420 fans sitting in a cold, drizzle in New York.

It was Columbia's first victory in 47 games since a 21-18 defeat of Yale on Oct 15, 1983. Since then, Columbia had averted defeat only by tying Bucknell and Dartmouth later in 1983.

"This time we didn't turn the ball over. We played a football game the way it's supposed to be played," coach Larry McElreavy said.

Tore

The Lions had become the laughing stock of college football — even on the Columbia campus. Fans unused to celebrating stormed onto the field, tore down both sets of goal posts and smeared themselves with mud at the final gun.

In the tatty environs of the top twenty, No. 1 Miami was idle, preparing for a showdown with No. 5 Notre Dame, which beat Pittsburgh 30-20 to remain undefeated.

Louisiana State marched 75 yards on No. 4 Auburn's highly-touted defence and scored with 1:41 left to pull off the day's biggest upset, 7-6.

In other games involving the top ten, it was No. 2 University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) beat Oregon State 38-21; No. 3 Southern California 42-10; No. 18 Oregon 14; No. 6 Florida State 28; Georgia Southern 10; No. 7 West Virginia 30; East Carolina 10; No. 8 South Carolina 26; Virginia Tech 24; No. 9 Nebraska 63; Kansas 10; and No. 10 Oklahoma 28, Texas 13.

Two members of the second ten were beaten — No. 12 Alabama 22-12 by Mississippi and No. 14 Florida 17-11 by Memphis State.

It was also No. 11 Clemson 10, Virginia 7; No. 13 Oklahoma State 41, Colorado 21; No. 15 Georgia 41, Vanderbilt 22; No. 17 Michigan 17, Michigan State 3; No. 19 Washington 10, Arizona State 0; and No. 20 Arkansas 31, Texas Tech 10.

No. 16 Wyoming defeated San Diego State 55-27 in a night game.

No. 2 UCLA 38, Oregon State 21

Troy Aikman passed for 288 yards and four touchdowns as second-ranked UCLA beat Oregon State in Pasadena, California. The heavily favoured Bruins, 5-0 scored on their first three possessions, but struggled the rest of the way.

BKME hold off Casuals

BKME managed to hold off a late fightback by Casuals' howlers to win the opening round of the Bawa Shield at Ahmadu on Friday.

Casuals batsmen had earlier suffered as the umpires upheld lbw decisions against Wells (1) and Snowden (1) of a debatable nature.

With opener Dworkin being unsettled by a frantic appeal for dismissal after the wind had removed a ball, and then being caught behind soon after, Casuals were far from happy with events. The situation was compounded when Adicula ball to the slips and the score had reached only 4 for 20.

It was left to Seaward (36) and Bond (38) to restore fate to the order and make a game of it. Bond in particular began to cut loose with venom.

With their departure Casuals' new man Robinson (11 no), looking stylish, and Fernando (16 no) carried the fight further to give Casuals a total score of 119. Ram Mohan (3 for 17) and Salim (1 for 12) looked the pick of the BKME bowlers.

Decided

In reply BKME suffered an early setback as Anderson (1 for 23) removed Ramesh first ball, beginning a particularly hostile spell from the Australian.

Rodney (41) decided to throw the bat at everything and was extremely fortunate to keep his wicket so long. Bastaki (39) played a more sensible role and his team crept toward their target.

Suddenly Casuals struck back and for a moment the BKME innings wobbled as four quick wickets fell. With just 10 runs needed BKME looked vulnerable but Casuals seemed to waste the fleeting chance as two successive catches were put down and a thankful Sethi (20 no) saw his team home.

Snowden (1 for 37) bowled particularly well and was unlucky on several occasions toward the end.



Ashraf: hit a ton

Haldar: unbeaten 67

Galaxy thrash Punjab

GALAXY beat Punjab Farwaniya by 58 runs in the opening match of the Millat Trophy cricket tournament at the Airport ground on Friday.

After winning the toss, Galaxy opted to bat and opened their innings through Ashraf Rana and Riaz Chaudhry. Both of them put on 42 runs in four overs before Riaz was out for 13, bowled by Tariq.

Zafar Iqbal gave some good support to Ashraf and took the score to 123 before running himself out for 23. Ghulam Haider, the Galaxy captain, joined Ashraf and both these batsmen put the Punjab bowlers to sword.

Ghulam Haider hit 35 runs in the last two overs as he scored an unbeaten 67 and took his team to



Evert keeps her eye on the ball as she sends a return to Rehe. (Reuters wirephoto)

Evert to take on Smith for New Orleans title

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 9. (Reuters) Top-seed and defending champion Chris Evert of the United States easily defeated compatriot Stephanie Rehe to reach the finals of the \$250,000 New Orleans women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Evert, who won 6-1 6-1, will play unseeded American Anne Smith, who ended the run of 14-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia with a 6-1 4-3 victory.

Retired

Seles, playing just her third professional tournament, retired in the second set with a stomach illness. She beat American Lari McNeil, the third seed, in the quarterfinals.

Evert, third in the world, abandoned her traditional baseline style in the first four games to be more aggressive. She took control of the match in the fourth game when she broke Rehe with two net approaches behind her

two-fisted backhand.

The 33-year-old Evert maintained her high level of play throughout the second set, dropping just one game, while Rehe struggled to win points with her normally reliable groundstrokes.

Evert, playing in her first tournament since being upset in the Olympics, said that her form was near its best against the consistent Rehe, 16th in the world.

"I was at the top of my game. I haven't played this well for a while, and I think Stephanie was a little tired after playing six sets (in singles and doubles) yesterday," Evert said.

Smith, 54 in the world, intimidated Seles with her aggressive play in the first set, taking the net at every possible opportunity.

Seles began to suffer from stomach cramps at the beginning of the second set, and by the seventh game the teenager said she could not continue.

Hubara edge Crescent

HUBARA continued their good start to the season with a narrow win over Crescent in the first round of the Bawa, trophy. Hubara won the toss by some miracle and decided to bat but soon saw David Talhat back in the pavilion comprehensively bowled by Farhat.

A 76-run partnership between Craig Shipton (89) and Patrick Flower (33) started to turn the game more in Hubara's favour until Flower was given run-out trying to advance the score.

Shipton was still there at the fall of the next wicket, that of Jimmy James (41) after they had put on 71 with James contributing his runs off only 18 deliveries. Shipton was eventually out stumped off Arshad with the score on 177 after which Hubara only added another 4 runs finish.

ing with 181 runs off 25 overs. Farhat was the pick of the Crescent bowlers with figures of 2 for 32.

Crescent started their innings at a fierce pace thanks to Ershad's quick 29 off 20 balls until he fell in James with the score on 46. Iqbal was steadily supporting the other batsmen who came and went and eventually "retired" having made 57.

With Iqbal going, the new batsmen were not as careful and some good captaincy by Shipton ensured the run-rate was always going to be difficult and Crescent were only able to muster 170 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in their 25 overs.

The pick of the bowlers were Dr Rao (2 for 20) and Chris Haseman (2 for 34).

Asim beat Lanka Colts

ASIM Cricket Club scored a 61-run victory over Lanka Colts in a Shabbir Memorial Trophy match at the EPI ground on Friday.

Asim, batting first, scored 196 for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 27 overs. Saeed and Tariq opened the innings but were both back in the pavilion with only 24 runs on the board.

Ghulam Mustafa, the skipper, tried to hit his team out of trouble by slamming a six and a four but was not after playing only seven balls. Ejaz and Sohail repaired the damage with the former hitting two sixes and two fours in his

29.

Sohail was unlucky to miss his century when he was out for 95. He hammered five sixes and six fours. Ashraf hit 20 and Abdul Rahman remained unbeaten on 10.

For Lanka Colts, Solomane and Halli took two wickets each.

Unbeaten

In reply, Lanka Colts were all out for only 135. Kharan remained unbeaten on 36 while Rhan hit 29, Chris 29 and Roville 19.

Sohail took four wickets for 23 and Ejaz two for 39. Sohail was named Man of the Match.

Aiman and Strakos clinch crowns



Strakos collects her ladies singles prize from Dr Hmoud Jullah Al Rqobah.



Some of the top players, from left Hashim Fairaz, Aiman, Al Bannai and Khalid Rashid.



Al Gharabally (left) and Hussein Al Ashwak collect their trophies. (Photos by Mohammed Bedaq)



Tala Ashoor.

AN AL ASHWAK beat Al Bannai in the under-14 title at the 3rd is Open, being organised by Ministry of Electricity and at the Ramada Al Salam tennis courts on Saturday.

man, with this victory, stop Al Bannai from getting the title of the tournament.

nnai, partnered by Khalid in Rashid, had won the doubles crown on Friday

with a victory over Saleh Bushnaq and Abraham George.

Anna Strakos, however, went home with two titles. Strakos beat Afaf Kaed in the ladies singles yesterday to add to her doubles crown she won on Friday.

In the third final held on Saturday, the last day of the tournament, Tareq Hadeed took the under-14 title with a victory over

Tala Ashoor.

In the other finals held earlier in the tournament, Damian Sanilyo took the crown for professionals while Khaled Ashkanani emerged victorious in the men's singles. Hashim Fairaz was the runner-up.

The under-12 title was won by Michael Khawattal while Hussein Al Ashwak finished second in this group. Khalid Al Gharabally was third and Fahd Sami Al Ibrahim fourth.

The under-12 doubles title went to Yousuf Sami Al Ibrahim and Yousuf Al Shamlan while Faris Hilmi and Tareq Hadeed finished runners-up.

Hussein Taki, Hashim Fairaz and Joe Kandy were awarded special prizes for their excellent performances in the tournament.

The prizes were presented to all the winners and runners-up by the Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Abdullah Al Rqobah.

Former England soccer star dies at 64

LONDON, Oct 9. (Reuters) Jackie Milburn, one of English football's greatest centre forwards, died today at the age of 64.

He had been suffering from lung cancer and died in Ashington, the town of his birth in the northeast of England.

Milburn starred in a Newcastle team which won the Football Association (FA) Cup three times in five years in the early 1950s and played 13 times for England between 1949 and 1956.

"For Jackie" as he was affectionately known by the fans, scored both goals in Newcastle's 2-0 victory over Blackpool in the 1951 Cup final and struck the fastest Wembley Cup final goal when he netted after only 45 seconds against Manchester City in 1955.

He scored 178 goals for Newcastle in 354 League appearances, a club record, and netted 10 times for England.

In a recent newspaper poll he was voted the greatest and most popular player produced in the North East, a region which also boasted Bobby and Jackie Charlton — members of the victorious England World Cup team of 1966.

Milburn managed Northern Ireland's Linfield and English club Ipswich after leaving Newcastle and then worked as a football reporter until his retirement five months ago.

AUSTRALIA PAY FOR DROPPED CATCHES

Miandad completes 7,000 runs



Miandad joins the 7000 club

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Pakistan captain Javed Miandad completed 7,000 runs in Test cricket today as Australia, again let down by poor catching, saw their hopes of squaring the three-match series fading away.

Pakistan were 165 for three in reply to Australia's first innings total of 340 at the close of the third day of the third and final Test.

Rain in the afternoon cut short play by 90 minutes and with two days left, the prospects of a definite result looked slim. A draw would give Pakistan the rubber 1-0 by virtue of their win in the acrimonious first Test in Karachi where dropped catches proved costly for Australia.

Miandad, playing in his 95th Test, came in at 104 for two, needing 18 runs to become the 11th batsman in Test history to join an elite group.

He waited for 93 minutes to reach the significant figure when he drove paceman Tony Dodemaide to the cover boundary.

By completing 7,000 runs, Miandad joined distinguished

company — Sunil Gavaskar, Geoff Boycott, Gary Sobers, Colin Cowdrey, Clive Lloyd, Allan Border, Viv Richards, Wally Hammond, Greg Chappell and David Gower.

Pakistan openers Mudassar Nazar and Rameez Raja, six without loss overnight, shared their best stand of series — 80 — with the aid of missed chances.

Rameez escaped on six off Dodemaide when Steve Waugh failed to hold a sharp chance at second slip. And Waugh was again the culprit when Mudassar, having scored seven, was missed off left-arm fast bowler Bruce Reid.

Australia eventually broke through shortly before lunch with the wicket of Mudassar, who was given out by debutant umpire Salim Badar. David Boon, at backward short-leg, dived to hold a bat-pad chance off Tim May's off-spin. Mudassar, who had scored 27, seemed very unhappy at the decision.

Pakistan lost their second wicket at 104 when Rameez drove at a delivery from Reid that was leaving him and was caught behind by Healy for 64,

his highest score of the series, and which contained eight fours.

Shoaib Mohammad was third to go at 118 when he was run out off a no-ball. He was beaten by Waugh's throw from mid-off as he scrambled for a quick single.

Miandad (24 not out) and Salim Malik, who produced some sparkling shots all round the wicket in his unbeaten 22, shared an unfinished fourth-wicket stand of 47.

The Test continues tomorrow without a rest day.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings: 340 (A. Border 75, G. Marsh 64, S. Waugh 59)

PAKISTAN first innings (overnight six for nothing):

Mudassar Nazar c Boon b May ... 27

Rameez Raja c Healy b Reid ... 13

Shoaib Mohammad run out ... 64

Javed Miandad not out ... 24

Salim Malik not out ... 22

Extras (lb-6 sb-9) ... 15

Total (for three wickets) ... 165

Fall of wickets: 1-80 2-104 3-118

To bat: Ejaz Ahmed, Salim Yousaf, Taseef Ahmad, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Salim Jaffer

Bowling: Reid 19-3-43-1, Waugh 7-1-3-0, Dodemaide 11-1-30-0, May 18-3-62-1, Taylor 4-2-11-0.



A village street vendor looks on as one of the participants tackles one of the stages. (Reuters wirephoto)

Al Hajri goes top as Ghanem wins

JOUNIEH, Lebanon: Despite a tremendous fightback by Rothmans star Saeed Al Hajri, Samir Ghanem held on to win Lebanon's Rally de Montagne yesterday after leading for most of the 1009-km event.

However, the Qatari driver's second place, his fourth of the season, was enough to put him out in front in the race for the Middle East championship. He now leads the field with 89 points, five ahead of the only other challenger, Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem, who dropped out of the Lebanon round on the first day.

Pressure

Driving the Nissan 240 RS, Ghanem delighted the home crowd by crossing the line 53 seconds ahead of Al Hajri. The Lebanese driver went into the second leg of the three-day event slightly ahead of fellow countryman Nabil Karam but following Karam's withdrawal it was left to Al Hajri, taking part in his first outings in Lebanon, to put the pressure on the leader.

From special stage sixteen Ghanem began to increase his lead and by the twenty-seventh he held a strong two minute advantage over Al Hajri.

The three-time Middle East champion, knowing that he had to finish in a high enough championship, drove tenaciously over the final three stages to gradually cut back Ghanem's lead but could not quite take first place.

In the end Al Hajri picked up 23 valuable points in his attempt to wrest the championship from Sulayem — 15 points for second place and eight for finishing as the highest placed driver in a Group A.

This was his first drive behind the wheel of the Group A Rothmans Ford Sierra Cosworth. He said after the rally at Jounieh: "Although it was my first time with the car, which is not as powerful as the Audi, I was always confident I could win. However, I am delighted to be leading the race for the Middle East championship."

A disappointed Sulayem said that at the start of the rally he was sure of winning. Unfortunately for the Dubai driver an electrical relay fault caused an excessive build up of heat resulting in severe damage to the engine gasket. His withdrawal allowed his arch rival Al Hajri to make up ground with only the Oman and Dubai rallies left to be contested.



FUJI, Japan, Oct. 9. (Reuters)

Britain's Martin Brundle won the 1988 World Sportscar Drivers' Championship title when he completed his fifth victory of the year in the Fuji 1,000 km race today.

Brundle and US teammate Eddie Cheever drove their Jaguar to a one-lap victory over the factory Porsche of West German Klaus Ludwig and American Price Cobb.

Needed

Jaguar had already claimed the team championship two weeks earlier at Spa. Brundle needed to win or finish second to wrap up the drivers' title in the penultimate race of the series and shut out French rival Jean-Louis Schlesser.

Schlesser and his Mercedes teammates had an untypical bad race after winning three of the four previous rounds of the series.

Mercedes lost one car in a spectacular tyre blow-out on the 320 kph main straight, while Schlesser and West German co-driver Jochen Mass were delayed by fuel pump trouble and later by a turbo boost problem.

They recovered to finish a strong fifth, but it was not enough to prevent Brundle from claiming the drivers' crown with

one race still to come in Sandown, Australia, on November 20.

Brundle, who clocked five hours 28 minutes 05.941 seconds, extended his aggregate tally to 255 points, with Schlesser second on 239 and Italian Mauro Baldi third on 183.

Jaguar also lost a car early on when Dutch driver Jan Lammers had a front fender which put his XJR9 into the barriers when he led second place.

After running outside the top six for the first hour, Brundle and Cheever came through to take the lead just before the two-hour mark and stayed out in front despite strong challenges from Mercedes, the Porsche factory and half a dozen private Porsche teams.

West Germans Frank Jelinski and John Winter, one of the Porsche privateer teams in a Joest 962, finished third, three laps behind the winning Jaguar.

Japan's Hideki Okada and Sweden's Stanley Dickens took fourth place after starting in pole position in another Porsche.

It proved an unhappy race for Japanese cars among the 35 starters. One factory Nissan finished ninth, while Toyota and Mazda were well out of the running.

Galaxy KO's Choi to retain WBA crown

SEOUL, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Thailand's Kaosai Galaxy floored South Korean Choi Chang-Ho four times to score an eighth-round knockout and retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-bantamweight title today.

Galaxy, making his eighth defence of a title he won in 1984, pursued his opponent from the first bell and kept up the relentless pace, hammering the South Korean to defeat.

Choi, who had said he wanted to outmanoeuvre the champion by fast footwork and counterattacks, traded punches almost equally with Galaxy in the first two rounds.

But the champion cornered Choi in the third round and rocked him with a succession of hooks as they slugged it out toe-to-toe.

Galaxy dispatched the challenger to the canvas three times in the fourth round and maintained the assault in the ensuing rounds before finishing him off with a flurry of punches 56 seconds into the eighth.

The win avenged a family defeat, Galaxy's twin brother Kaokor lost the WBA bantamweight title here in August when he was outpointed by South Korean Moon Sung-Kil.

Galaxy earned \$90,000 from today's victory, which improved his professional record to 37 wins, 33 within the distance, against one defeat.

12 Americans to compete in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 9. (AP) Twelve American track and field athletes, including 1988 Olympian Carole Cady and 1976 Olympic medalist John Powell, arrived today for three meets against sports-isolated South Africans.

South African organisers have not divulged the financial arrangements for their visit, but local newspapers have reported in recent weeks that sponsors were attempting to raise 6 million rand (\$2.4 million).

South Africa, which is barred from competing internationally in many sports due to its apartheid policies, often attracts foreign athletes in sports such as boxing, tennis and golf by offering large sums of money.

The three meets, Oct. 15, 18 and 22, will mark the first major international track and field competitions in South Africa since the country was expelled from the International Amateur Athletics Federation in 1976.

South Africa has not been allowed to compete in the Olympic Games since 1960 because of its apartheid practices. However, most sports, including track and field, are integrated.

Cady, a discus thrower, is the only member of the US contingent who qualified for the 1988 US Olympic team and competed in the Seoul Summer Games.

The other athletes are: middle-distance runner James Robinson; pole vaulter Tom Hintnaus; shot putter Dave Laut; long jumper Tyrus Jefferson and Kevin Adkins; distance runner Rhy Wickfell; hurdlers Milan Stewart and Cedric Gilder, and sprinters James Andrews and Keith Thidieux.

Liverpool not running for cover yet

LONDON, Oct. 9. (Reuters) To lose one game is unfortunate to lose two sounds like carelessness.

English champions Liverpool, beaten for the second time in a week yesterday, may be wondering what is happening.

A mighty force for 25 years, the Merseyside giants do not lose often. They rarely lose two games in succession. The last time they suffered such an indignity in the League was in March 1987 when Tottenham and Wimbledon beat them on successive Saturdays.

Major

Yet in seven days, first Newcastle and then — despite four changes — Luton have beaten them.

Neither club is a major power. Newcastle played 3-0 at home yesterday to Coventry with the crowd calling for the manager's resignation. Luton's 1-0 win was their first home success of the season.

The return to Liverpool of Ian Rush from Juventus has so far shattered little. The problem of what to do with fellow striker

John Aldridge remains.

But the Merseysiders are not running for cover yet. They are in the middle of an injury crisis with five regulars absent and they have never enjoyed Luton's splat-pitch.

However, says manager Kenny Dalglish, yesterday's performance was as good as they have ever produced on that surface. They were also a little unlucky after a brilliant opening.

"They have taken the points but we have only ourselves to blame. We got ourselves into some great positions but did not capitalise on them," the Scot said.

England winger John Barnes is back, although not 100 per cent match fit after his five-match lay-off.

Barnes missed a couple of chances but Dalglish was sanguine. "You don't judge somebody's benefit to the club in one game. He has got a League championship medal in his pocket for his efforts with us last season."

The champions collected

another problem when defender Gary Gillespie was carried off with a knee injury after 25 minutes.

Dalglish said: "It looks bad but we won't know how serious it is until we get him in and have a look at it tomorrow."

Luton manager Ray Harford praised his side for the way they stood up to Liverpool after taking a three minute lead thanks to Mick Harford's first goal of the season.

"They had a lot of the ball but we defended very well. We had a better share in the second half and contained them better. They didn't really cut us apart as they had done in the first 15 minutes."

Demonstration

"We've now kept three successive clean sheets and that must be a record for Luton."

Newcastle manager Willie McPhee, high a week ago after beating Liverpool, found himself the butt of a demonstration by several hundred fans after the defeat by Coventry.

McPhee said: "I feel under

pressure but I certainly not going to quit. I realise any more performances 'ke that could cost me my job and I've been in football long enough to know what can happen in the next three games."

Coventry have jumped five places to third behind new leaders Norwich, who took over from Millwall after a 1-0 win at Derby.

Millwall were not playing because their scheduled opponents Arsenal are involved in a Cup contest today.

An own goal from Derby's England centre-half Mark Wright, who was sent off a minute later with Norwich midfielder Trevor Putney, secured the points.

Norwich are top with 16 points followed by Millwall on 14, Coventry on 12 and Liverpool with 11.

In Scotland, leaders Rangers lost for the first time this season, beaten 2-1 by Aberdeen in a highly physical affair.

Champions Celtic put some poor League form behind them with a 7-1 thrashing of St Mirren.

Barcelona edge past Sociedad

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Barcelona returned to the top of the Spanish League yesterday with a 1-0 away victory over Real Sociedad in a performance which lost sparkle as the game wore on.

After showing their superiority in the first half, Barcelona pulled down the shutters following an early goal and withstood all Sociedad's efforts to pull back after the interval.

The goal came in the eighth minute when midfielder Roberto Fernandez drew veteran goalkeeper Luis Arconada out of his ground and crossed for striker Julio Salinas to tap home.

Johann Cruyff's side then sat on their advantage, controlling the game from midfield and trying to pen Sociedad into their own half.

Australia thrash New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Australia survived the loss of their captain Wally Lewis with a broken arm to trounce New Zealand 25-12 and win the inaugural Rugby League World Cup final today.

Lewis was injured early on but remained on the field until half-time to steer his side into a match-winning 21-0 lead.

"I got a whack on the arm about five or six minutes into the game and I didn't know what I had actually done to it," he said.

Rolled

"But when I went to pass the ball about two minutes later and it just rolled along the ground, I was pretty certain it was busted."

"Strangely enough it didn't hurt all that much. I just found that I couldn't pass the ball."

The New Zealanders, who

included several players flown over from British clubs, were rarely a match for the Australians and their collapse began as early as the second minute when Michael O'Connor put the visitors ahead with a penalty kick.

Australian scrumhalf and Man of the Match Allan Langer scored the first try early in the half and followed it with another. A third try from Gavin Miller all but secured the Australian triumph before the interval.

New Zealand appeared more settled in the second half after Dale Shearer had gone over the Australians' fourth try and the hosts salvaged some respect with tries by brothers Kevin and Tony Iro. But it was too little too late.

Scorers: Australia — Allan Langer (2),

Gavin Miller, Dale Shearer tries. Michael O'Connor two conversions and two penalties. Ben Elias drop goal.

New Zealand — Kevin Iro, Tony Iro tries. Peter Brown two penalties.

Teams: Australia — Gary Jack Dale Shearer, Mark McGaw, Andrew Farrar, Michael O'Connor, Wally Lewis, Allan Langer, Steve Roach, Ben Elias, Paul Dunn, Paul Sironen, Gavin Miller, Wayne Pearce. Reserves: Terry Lamb, David Gillespie.

New Zealand — Gary Mercer, Tony Iro, Dean Bell, Kevin Iro, Mark Elia, Gary Freeman, Clayton Friend, Peter Brown, Wayne Wallace, Adrian Sheldford, Kurt Sorenson, Mark Graham, Mark Horo. Reserves: Shane Cooper, Sam Stewart.

Tyson switches accounts with wife to his name

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, whose actress wife Robin Givens has filed for divorce, moved quickly this week to have joint accounts worth millions of dollars put in his own name, the New York Post said yesterday.

Quoting unidentified sources close to the 23-year-old multimillionaire boxer, the newspaper said that Tyson also cancelled all of his wife's credit cards.

Impossible

She announced on Friday that she had filed for divorce.

"Mike went to all the banks involved and switched the accounts into his name and his name only, making it impossible for her to attach any of the funds," the Post quoted one source as saying.

"Mike Tyson's assets are safe, very safe," another source said. "... We went to Tyson's banks to make sure that only Tyson had the authority to sign cheques and we cancelled all the credit cards."

Givens, 23, was granted court-ordered protection from Tyson, a self-described manic-depressive, who she says went on a rampage at their home last weekend in the latest of a string of

incidents in their highly publicised eight-month marriage.

She retained celebrity lawyer Marvin Mitchelson who said at a Los Angeles news conference on Friday announcing the suit Givens was still in love with Tyson but terrified by him.

As a young tough in the ghetto, Tyson probably dreamed of life as a heavyweight champion and the attendant fame, money and beautiful women.

He started out his career mugging people on the streets before stepping into the ring to make millions with his fists.

Now some say Tyson is about to be mugged in court.

Asked what he felt about his wife's court action, Tyson said: "Perhaps it's a blessing in disguise."

"I'm in love, I'm a human being. But sometimes you have to go beyond love and it's not how much you love somebody, it's how much they love you. And I wasn't receiving the amount of love I was giving."

The divorce case has surprised few.

Educated on the streets and in reform school, Tyson admitted to the extent of bragging about mugging people on the streets of



Givens and Tyson in Moscow during their recent tour of Soviet Union.

Brooklyn's rough Brownsville section. He was arrested 38 times by the time he was 13.

Givens graduated from an exclusive college and studied acting, soon landing a lead role in

the television series "Head of the Class."

Before meeting Tyson, she had dated actor Eddie Murphy and basketball star Michael Jordan — thought to be the second high-

est paid professional athlete after Tyson.

Givens was assured of tremendous publicity standing beside Tyson, who was followed by television crews wherever he went.

And Tyson gained a measure of respectability with a beautiful woman on his arm.

The union of the champ and the actress — or beauty and the beast as the tabloids called it — made headlines throughout the country and the world.

Soon after the marriage, Givens and her mother pressed the fighter to sue his manager for a reduction in his fee, a successful move which will probably save Tyson considerable money.

Entitled

That is a point expected to be brought up when the divorce proceedings get down to how much of Tyson's money Givens, who said life with the champion was like being a mugging victim, is entitled to from the marriage.

Although they have a \$5.5 million estate in New Jersey, Givens filed the suit in California. That state has more favourable divorce laws which entitle a spouse to half of the property acquired during the marriage.

Matchplay final postponed after rain

WENTWORTH, England, Oct. 9. (Reuters) The final of the World Matchplay Golf Championship between Britons Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo was postponed until tomorrow when heavy and persistent rain saturated Wentworth today.

The rain began overnight and continued through the morning, heavily at midday, rendering the course unplayable. The fairways and bunkers were most seriously affected.

Revealed

Tournament referee Tony Grey said: "The incessant rain at midday killed us. A final inspection revealed that playing conditions were not adequate for a major championship final."

The postponement marks the second consecutive year that the tournament final has been put back to Monday. Last year a hurricane which devastated southern England completely disrupted the playing schedule.

Organisers, who had hoped at least to play 18 holes today with the second round the following day, now plan the entire 36-hole final for tomorrow.

SPORTS BRIEFS

World chess

REYKJAVIK, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Alexander Beljavsky of the Soviet Union retained the lead in the World Chess tournament today by beating Yugoslavia's Predrag Nikolic in the fifth round.

Arsenal win

BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Arsenal beat Manchester United 2-1 (halftime 2-0) in the final of the Football League Centenary Trophy at Villa Park today.

French soccer

PARIS, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Auxerre reclaimed the lead in the French First Division yesterday with an easy 2-0 win over Saint Etienne while Marseille's 12-match unbeaten run ended with a 3-0 defeat at champions Monaco.

Marathon race

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui became the first man to win the West Berlin marathon two years in a row today when he beat Greek outsider Spyros Andriopoulos in a race hampered by rain and wind.

1992 Games

BARCELONA, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Barcelona today hosted the Olympic flag albeit first upside down — and began the countdown to the 1992 Games.

Two-way tie

ABILENE, Texas, Oct. 9. (Reuters) American Brad Bryant birdied the final hole to tie competitor Mark Brooks for the third-round lead in the \$400,000 Southwest Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Australian team

WENTWORTH, England, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Veteran David Graham has been called up to replace the injured Peter Senior on the Australian team competing in the Dunhill Cup golf championship at St Andrews this week.

Japan Open

SAYAMA, Japan, Oct. 9. (AP) Masashi Ozaki sank a 40-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole today to move ahead of rivals Tsuneyuki Nakajima and Isao Aoki and capture the 53rd Japan Open golf tournament by a single stroke.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Results of games played in the National Hockey League (NHL) yesterday:

Boston	6	Hartford	2
New Jersey	6	Quebec	3
Washington	6	Buffalo	1
Montreal	4	Minnesota	0
Toronto	7	Chicago	4
Vancouver	3	Detroit	1
New York	4	St Louis	2
Los Angeles	6	Calgary	5

Italian soccer

ROME, Oct. 9. (Reuters) Results of Italian First Division matches today:

Ascoli	1
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